Cry of toxic waste victims: 'Help us, Mr. Bush'

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'Tisoy' threatens to rain on US president's parade

By N. Bordadora

SOME would call it coincidence, others would say it was fate.

A tropical depression code-named Tisoy, a Filipino colloquial term for "white mestizo," is expected

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Feliciano Commission: 'Twas power grab

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE MAGDALO mutiny was a "well-planned" power grab and not a spontaneous protest by disgruntled soldiers, the Feliciano Commission concluded yesterday.

But the civilian panel appointed by Malacañang to look into the root causes of the July 27 uprising also said the mutiny was rooted in corruption and the politicization of the military. It warned that the Armed Forces "could implode and collapse with unpredictable consequences" if these causes were not addressed.

The report of the six-man commission headed by retired Supreme Court Justice Florentino Feliciano found that the takeover of the Oakwood Premier apartments in Makati City was part of a larger conspiracy to grab power from the Macapagal administration. It backed earlier government intelligence reports that the group planned to seize power by restoring ousted President Joseph Estrada for three days and appointing a 15-member governing council.

It noted the mutineers were supported by groups associated with the disgraced ex-leader, who is on trial for plunder, and opposition Sen. Gregorio Honasan, who had led several coup attempts against President Corazon Aquino in the 1980s and is facing charges in connection with the July incident.

The commission, concluding a three-

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GMA: Rousing welcome

Whirlwind romance today between two allies

By Michael Lim Ubac and Gerald G. Lacuarta

SHORT, but sweet.

Ambassador Victoriano Lecaros and Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. yesterday resorted to the cliché in describing the eight-hour visit today of US President George W. Bush, which The Washington Post said was part of an Asian swing bereft of vision.

But no matter, President Macapagal-Arroyo promised to give Bush "a rousing welcome."

Speaking at the weekly news forum at the Rembrandt Hotel in Quezon City, Lecaros said that while it would be a very short state visit, Bush and President Macapagal-Arroyo could turn it into a whirlwind romance between two friends during the Cold War and allies in the modern-day global war on terror.

"We live in an extremely interdependent world," said Lecaros, Malacañang's designated spokesperson for the Bush visit, in the course of trying to dramatize the impact of the visit of the world's most powerful man.

Pimentel was more forthright in saying that Ms Macapagal would benefit immensely from the visit in that it would "affirm the legitimacy of [her] government."

He recalled that during Ms Macapagal's state visit to Washington in May, Bush described her as "a friend of America, a friend of freedom."

Pimentel admitted that despite the long historical attachment of the two countries, the Americans had always taken Filipinos for granted.

But he said the global situation

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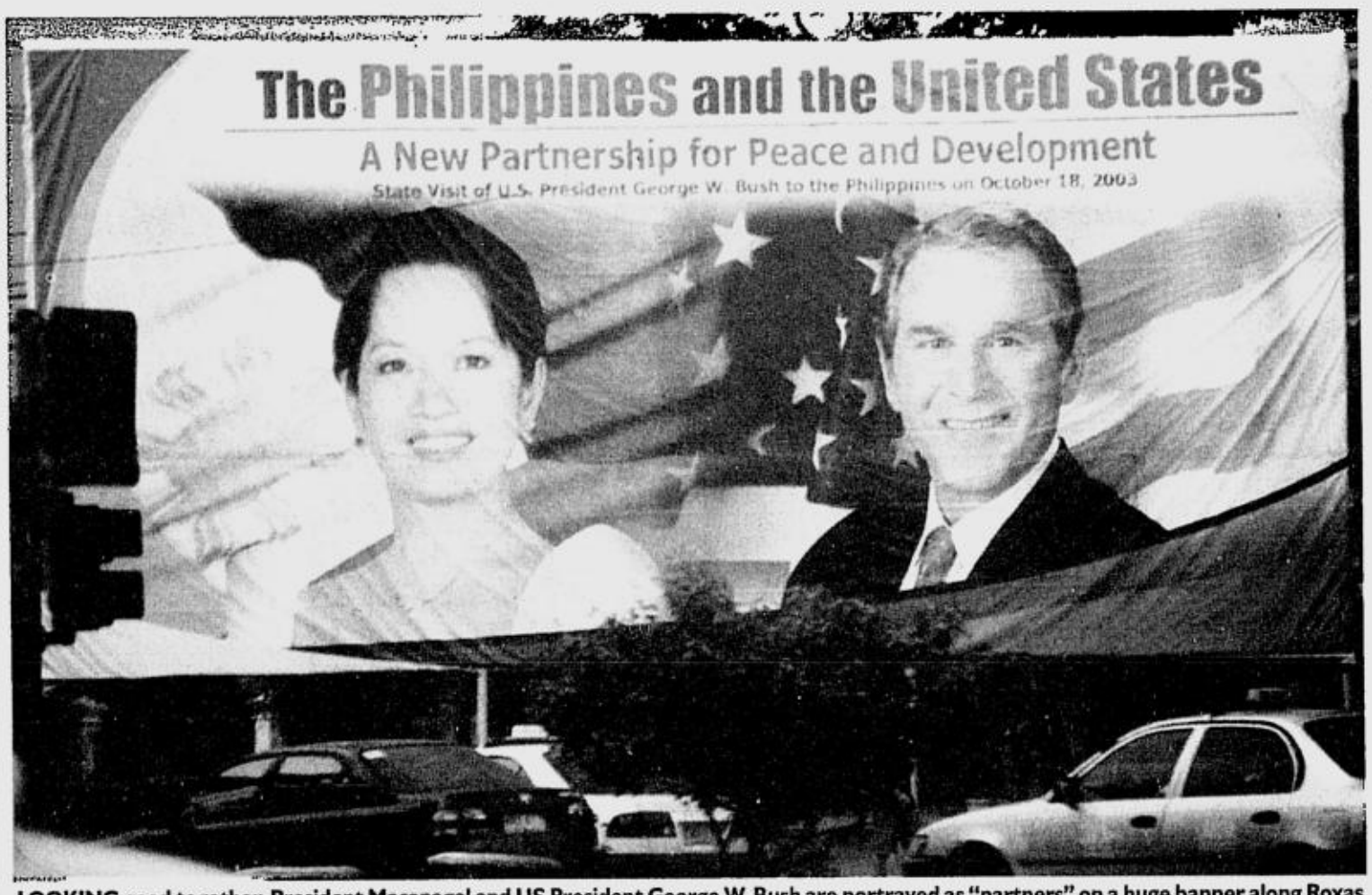

LOOKING good together, President Macapagal and US President George W. Bush are portrayed as "partners" on a huge banner along Roxas Boulevard projecting cooperation and unity in the global antiterror campaign. Bush arrives for an eight-hour state visit about noon today, the first state visit of an American president since Dwight Eisenhower in 1960. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

What's for dinner and guess who is coming

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THOUGH US President George W. Bush may skip the soup for lack of time, Malacañang has prepared an elegant state dinner to cap his eight-hour visit to Manila.

The meal, catered by the Manila Hotel, begins with cold appetizers: The Philippine *pitik-pitik* lobster and smoked salmon.

The main course is *lapu-lapu* fillet with tomato salsa sauce (to give it an American twist) and wild rice. Dessert is chocolate mousse.

Bush and his First Lady, Laura Bush, will be served the three-course dinner, together with their hosts, President Macapagal-Arroyo and First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo and some 330 guests including lawmakers, Cabinet members, business leaders, and foreign dignitaries.

To be seated with the two Presidents and their spouses at the presidential table are Senate President Franklin Drilon, Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr., Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Vice President Teofisto Guingona and former President Corazon Aquino.

The presidential plates with the blue seal and gold trim, brought out for state banquets since the Marcos regime, will be used for the event that is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at the Ceremonial Hall.

WHAT'S/ A22

Storm of protests set to sound of music

IF LEA Salonga will entertain US President George W. Bush with her Broadway-tested voice, activists will play songs of freedom for added pitch to the mass protests planned today.

A 3-disc video-audio collection titled "Sa Ngalan ng Kalayaan (In the Name of Freedom)," which basically urges listeners to remember the depth of the wounds in Philippine-American relations, will have its public debut at protest rallies to mark the Bush visit.

"We still have a very weak grasp of the realities surrounding RP-US relations," said Bernadette Libres, executive director of Kodao Productions, which released the collection on Oct. 10.

"We just want to contribute in showing that Phil-Am relations have never really been about friendship, because we're more often left with nothing while they take everything," she told the INQUIRER Thursday.

"Sa Ngalan ng Kalayaan" contains dramatic narratives, interviews and a music video casting a critical view on US involvement in Philippine affairs, from the 1899 Treaty of Paris to the present-day globalization and worldwide war on terror.

STORM/ A21

'Silent operator' oversees Bush security

By Christian Esguerra and Juliet Javellana

ONE battle-hardened officer will lead the Philippine military in securing George W. Bush in Malacañang today, while a veteran cop will shadow the largest group certain to follow the US president: anti-Bush protesters.

As ground commander, police Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco will practically be on the tail of thousands of militants who are expected to fill all eight hours of Bush's visit with street protests.

As chief of the elite Presidential Security Group, Col. Delfin Bangit will head the Malacañang security contingent for the Bush visit. Bangit, known as a "silent operator," is President Macapagal-Arroyo's most trusted military aide.

He is a member of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1978, which adopted Ms Macapagal as an honorary member when she was Vice President.

Bangit has served as Ms Macapagal's chief of security since she was Vice President and became

'SILENT/ A21

Bush's 6-nation swing a security nightmare

By Amando Doronila

ON THE EVE of President George W. Bush's departure for his six-nation Asian visit, a White House official described the journey as "the trip from al-Qaida hell."

As Bush lands in Manila today, he stabs into the heart of al-Qaida's nest.

The Philippines and Indonesia, two of the six countries that Bush is visiting, are the heartland of the Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror group, according to US intelligence assessments.

The JI, estimated to have more than 1,000 members, is regarded as the second most dangerous terrorist threat after al-Qaida, to which JI is linked.

According to the Brussels-based International Crisis Group, JI "remains capable of planning and executing a major operation in a large urban center" and has links in the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

ANALYSIS

This explains why Bush's six-nation swing has become a security nightmare for his host countries. It further explains why he is breezing through his itinerary and has limited his stay in the Philippines—where he is expected to announce aid programs in an address to a joint session of Congress—to eight hours, and his visit to Indonesia to three hours.

The Bush agenda is framed by two overriding issues—strengthening the Asian alliance of the continuing global war on terrorism, and widening market access and free-trade arrangements following the failure of the Cancun, Mexico session of the current round of the World Trade Organization multilateral trade negotiations.

As Bush pursues his mission to buttress the anti-terrorist alliance

BUSH'S/ A22

Toxic victims' cry: 'Help us, Mr. Bush'

By Norman Bordadora

MABALACAT, Pampanga—Jenny Lyn Valencia, 11, has already suffered a stroke, something most people twice her age would not even suffer until much later in their lives.

Kevin Dave Piring, 5, has a severe nerve disorder. He cannot speak intelligibly and can only communicate through smiles, cries and some sort of sign language. His mother, Marites, cannot risk having another baby lest it, too, suffer the same fate as Kevin.

Jenny's guarded condition, Kevin's sorry plight and Marites' poisoned womb may be considered rare disorders elsewhere. But among people who fled Mt. Pinatubo's fury in 1991 to seek refuge in the Cabcom evacuation site inside the former Clark Air Base here, these cases are not at all uncommon.

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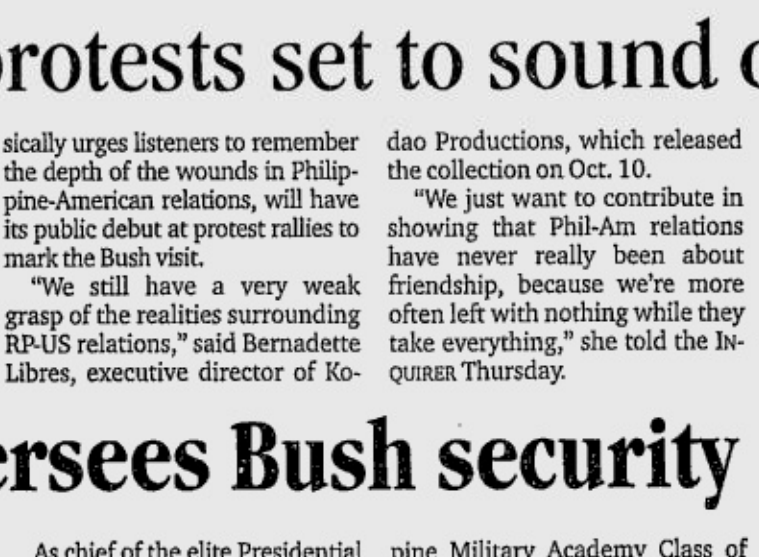

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UNSPEAKABLE: Rona David, 24, can hardly speak and is paralyzed; Kevin Dave Piring, 5, is unable to stand due to a severe nerve disorder.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Central and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Clark Zone	Cloudy with Rains	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Widespread Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

GRIEVING AL-GHOZIS
Relatives of Indonesian terror suspect Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi display their grief during the funeral of the slain bomb-maker of the suspected terrorist group Jemaah Islamiyah in Madiun, Indonesia, Friday. The mourners include his wife Zainab (second from right), son Niza and mother Rokanah (right). Al-Ghozi was slain in reported firefight last week, three months after he escaped from his Camp Crame detention cell on July 14. AFP

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Autopsy backs RP report on Al-Ghozi death

JAKARTA—While the findings of an autopsy on the body of slain Indonesian terrorist bomb-maker Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi don't rule out the possibility of an execution-style killing, they appear to refute rumors of a point-blank shooting and lend credence to the official Philippine version of his death.

The autopsy revealed that Al-Ghozi was likely shot at long range, apparently supporting the Philippine military's claim that he was shot in a gun battle with Philippine troops.

But Wirawan Adnan, a lawyer for the family, claimed that the autopsy indicated that "he was not killed during a shootout but in a secret execution" by Filipino soldiers.

He said the autopsy findings supported an earlier examination by his team in the Philippines which found no traces on Al-Ghozi's hand showing he had fired a weapon.

Indonesia's foreign ministry spokesperson Marty Natalegawa said however that his office had obtained a result from the Philippine crime lab which confirmed that Al-Ghozi had indeed fired a gun using his left hand.

Hundreds of militant Muslims shouting "Allahu Akbar!" (God is Greatest) yesterday attended the burial in the home town of Al-Ghozi who was killed Sunday by Philippine troops three months after he broke out of a jail in the Camp Crame police headquarters.

The Philippine military said Al-Ghozi, who had been involved in a series of deadly attacks by the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah, was killed in a gunfight in North Cotabato province in Central Mindanao.

Some in the Philippines have suggested Al-Ghozi was killed in custody, not during a gun battle with security forces.

Al-Ghozi's body was taken back to Kebon Sari in East Java's Madiun district for burial after an autopsy at a hospital in Solo yesterday.

It was buried without being bathed and shrouded, as is usual at Islamic burials, at a public cemetery next to his father because his family believes he had died a martyr, Adnan said.

The body was lowered into the ground amid solemn prayers but no speeches or chanting.

On Thursday, Indonesian Vice President Hamzah Haz urged the Philippine government to explain the circumstances behind Al-Ghozi's killing to prevent "disharmony" between the two countries.

Forensic doctor Munim Idris, who conducted the autopsy early yesterday, said Al-Ghozi had been shot three times—twice in the chest and once in the left hand—and that each bullet apparently came from a long distance.

"The characteristics of the wounds come from long-range shots," Idris told the Associated Press. He added that it was possible that Al-Ghozi was shot at close range but that he had some kind of protective gear to cushion the shots.

He said he did not believe Al-Ghozi could have been running away at the time because he was shot from the front.

Idris added that the forensics team found newly eaten food inside Al-Ghozi's stomach, suggesting "he had just finished eating" when he died. He said that the three holes in Al-Ghozi's body had been stitched up in the Philippines.

Idris said he and his team were unable to determine the time of Al-Ghozi's death because of the chemicals used to preserve the body.

About three hundred mourners, including relatives, neighbors and supporters, attended the burial at a public cemetery in Mojorejo village, some 750 kms east of Jakarta.

Activists from the Big Family of Mujahideen (holy warriors) and the Indonesian Council of Mujahideen ran chanting behind the ambulance carrying the coffin to the cemetery, said Adnan.

Al-Ghozi had graduated in 1989 from an Islamic boarding school founded by Bashir, who was jailed for four years in September for plotting to overthrow the Indonesian government.

Al-Ghozi had trained in Afghanistan and set up a JI terrorist training camp in Mindanao, according to a report from the International Crisis Group of political analysts.

When he escaped from the Camp Crame jail, he had been serving a 17-year jail term for possessing explosives.

Shortly after he was convicted, Al-Ghozi reportedly confessed that he used part of his explosives stockpile to bomb the Manila light railway, killing 22 people in December 2000.

He also reportedly said JI had planned to use the remainder for a bombing campaign in Singapore.

Prosecutors have said Al-Ghozi also detonated a bomb at the Philippine ambassador's residence in Jakarta in August 2000, killing two people.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has denied that Al-Ghozi was executed in cold blood to create a publicity coup before US President George W. Bush's visit to Manila on Oct. 18. *AP and AFP*

Another top Indon terror suspect falls

DEFENSE Secretary Eduardo Ermita yesterday confirmed the capture of an Indonesian national believed to be a ranking leader of the militant group Jemaah Islamiyah in Cotabato City two weeks ago.

Taufik Rifqi, alias Abu Obaidah, alleged No. 2 man in the al-Qaida linked JI, was arrested in Cotabato on Oct. 2, according to Ermita. Details of the arrest were sketchy, however.

Ermita said the arrest of Taufik and Sol Kifli, another senior JI leader, in Malaysia, and the killing of Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi in North Cotabato augured well for the government's antiterror drive.

"The arrest and death of these very high-ranking members of JI give us some feeling that at least these people are out of the way," he said in an interview with the ABS-CBN News Channel.

"We still have some personalities like [Khaddafy] Janjalani, Abu Sulaiman [on the loose]. [But] it's a matter of time before we'll be able to account for them," Ermita said, referring to Abu Sayyaf leaders who, together with several others, carry $5-million bounties on their heads.

Earlier, Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, military information officer, confirmed the capture of an Indonesian national, but declined to disclose his identity or details of his arrest.

"We still have to wait for the results of the tactical interrogation, but in due time he will be presented [to media]," Lucero told reporters. He declined to say, however, who had custody of Taufik.

Until yesterday, defense and military officials had been tight-lipped on the capture of the Indonesian.

The JI, which is believed to have ties to the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden and of plotting to establish a pan-Islamic state in Southeast Asia, has been blamed for a string of bombings in Indonesia.

Al-Ghozi, a self-confessed JI member, was killed in an alleged shootout with authorities in Pigcawayan, North Cotabato last Sunday night, nearly three months after he escaped from the main police headquarters in Quezon City on July 14.

He had admitted masterminding the Rizal Day bombings in Metro Manila in December 2000 that killed 22 persons. *TJ Burgonio*

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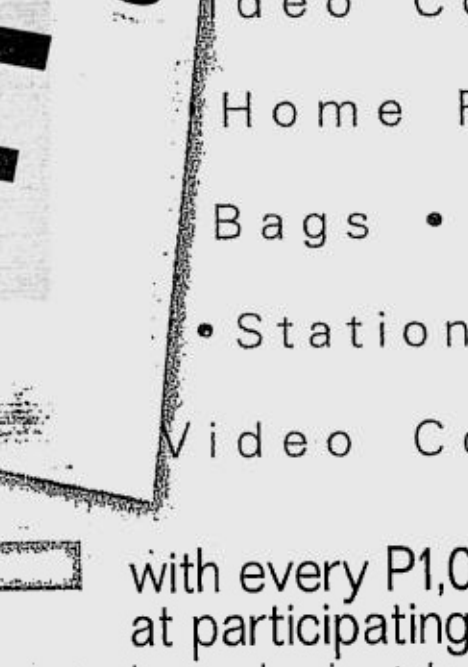

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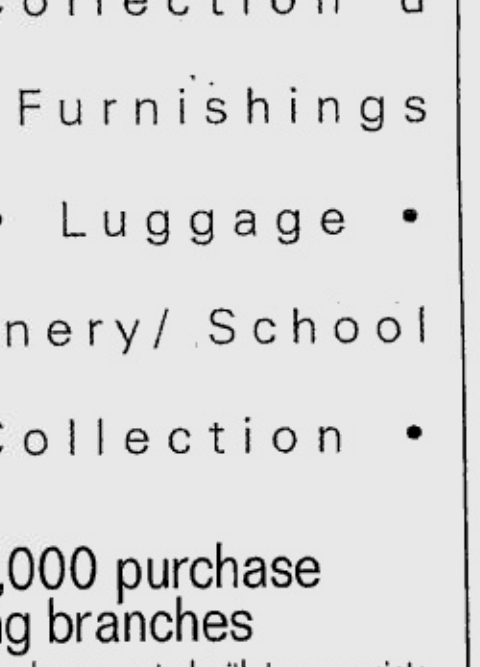

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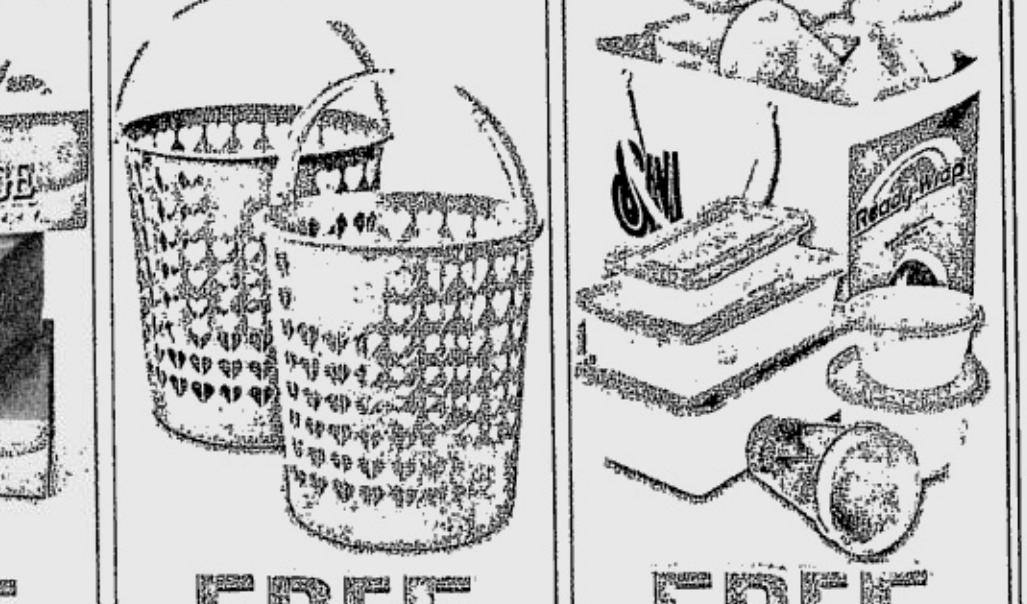

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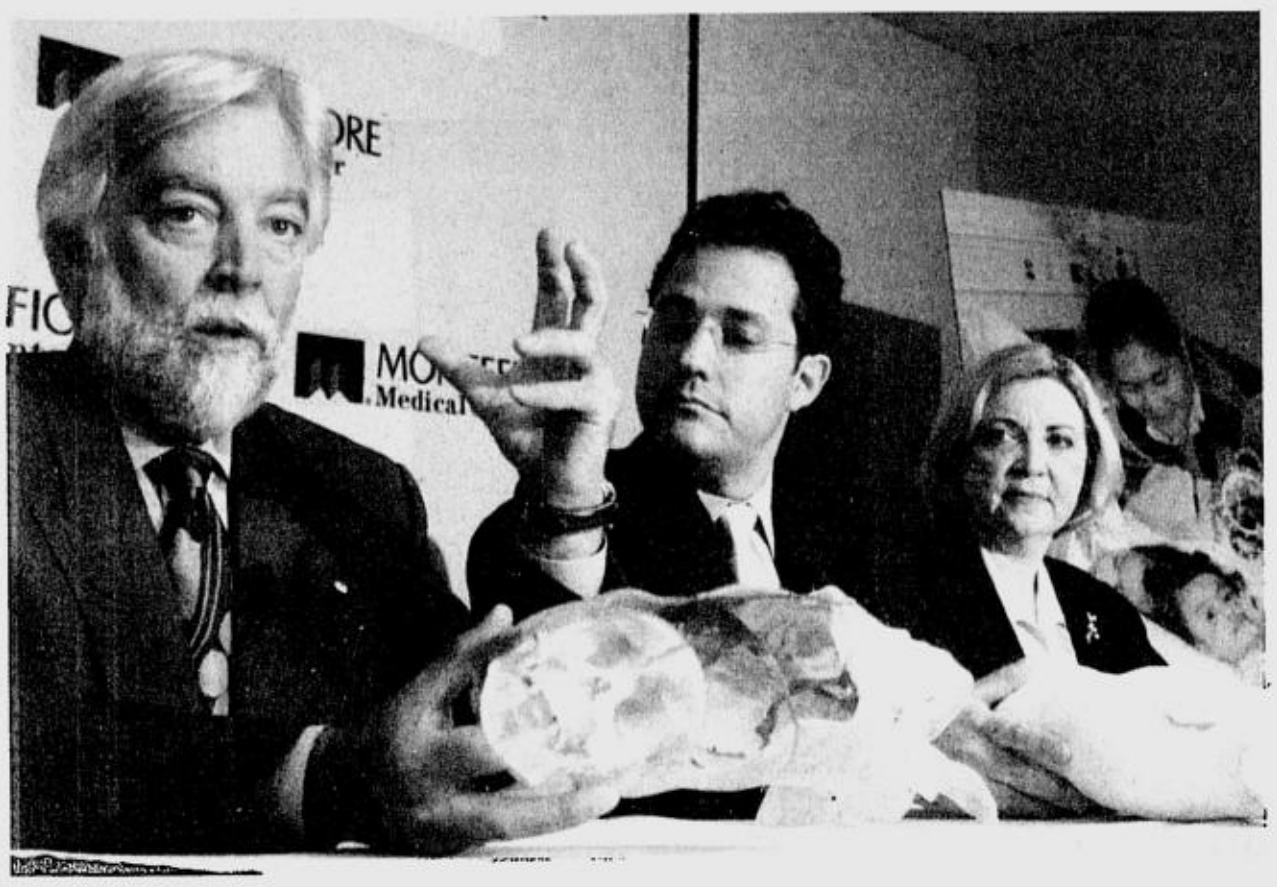

DOCTORS use a cranium model (left) to explain the surgery for conjoined Filipino twins during a press conference at the Montefiore Children's Hospital in the Bronx, New York Thursday. They will begin surgery on Monday to separate the twins, Carl and Clarence Aguirre, shown above with their mother Arlene Aguirre. AP

RP twins now ready for separation

NEW YORK—A set of 18-month-old twin boys from the Philippines who are joined at the top of their heads have gained weight since coming to America and are ready for the first step in a separation process that could take several months, doctors said.

The goal is for Carl and Clarence Aguirre "to live viable, independent lives," said Dr. James Goodrich, director of pediatric neurosurgery at Montefiore Children's Hospital in the Bronx, where the first operation is scheduled for Monday.

The boys' brains appear to be almost entirely separate within their fused skulls, though they share major veins that must be divided.

"We believe that we can do this, but at the same time we are cognizant of the risks," Goodrich said Thursday at a Montefiore news conference. "We're aware that we could lose one or both."

Outwardly, the boys look much like the Egyptian boys who were separated in a 34-hour operation in Dallas last weekend. But Goodrich has said that case was more complex because the Aguirre boys' brains are believed to be less intertwined.

The separation surgery in the Bronx will be very different. Instead of one marathon operation to separate the twins, Goodrich and Dr. David Staffenberg plan about three, with several weeks between each. Some veins will be cut and tied off in each operation, gradually rerouting the boys' circulation systems into independence.

Goodrich said he decided against marathon surgery to help the boys adapt slowly to their rerouted circulation systems and to avoid lengthy anesthesia and the risk of major blood loss. It was blood loss that killed the Iranian sisters who underwent separation surgery in Singapore in July.

For the Aguirres, the trickiest maneuver may be severing a major vein called the sagittal sinus, which drains blood from the brain to the heart. It appears the boys have only one between them, so it will be assigned to one of them and the doctors will try to redirect other veins to act like the sagittal sinus in the other twin.

At Thursday's news conference at Montefiore, Goodrich and Staffenberg, the surgery team leaders, displayed three-dimensional images of the boys' skulls and veins—a "road map" constructed from CAT scans that will help guide the surgery.

In the first operation, inflatable "tissue expanders" are to be inserted under the twins' scalps to stretch their skin so there will be enough to cover their heads when they are separated. A portion of skull will be removed to give the surgeons their first real look at how close together the brains are and some superficial veins may be cut, said Staffenberg, the hospital's chief of craniofacial surgery.

Then the piece of skull will be replaced and the boys, still joined, will be given a couple of weeks to heal and could even return to their ongoing physical therapy classes.

The agenda for each operation will depend on how the boys react to the previous one.

The twins, who live on a sugar plantation outside Silay City in Negros Occidental, would be toddlers if they could walk. But because they are connected at the top of the head they have spent their entire lives lying down, mostly on their backs, never sitting, standing or crawling. Feeding the boys is difficult because of the danger of choking. When they are carried, it is by two people standing or walking side-by-side.

With their mother, Arlene, a 31-year-old nurse, they came to America on Sept. 10 and have been staying at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla. While undergoing physical therapy, dental work and treatment for Clarence's hypertension, they have grown from a severely underweight 25 pounds combined to 32 pounds, said Dr. Joelle Mast, chief medical officer at Blythedale. At birth they weighed 8.5 pounds.

"Both of these kids are in wonderful physical condition right now," Goodrich said.

Montefiore, Blythedale and the surgeons are donating their services. The twins' stay was arranged by Philippine Airlines and Children's Chance, a Waterbury, Connecticut, organization that finds medical care for children from developing countries.

Even if all goes well, it will be a while before the boys go home. They're expected to spend up to a year at Blythedale, recovering from all the surgery, catching up on their development and learning how to live as separate brothers. *AP*

Gov't alone can't handle drug rehab, Lina admits

By Nelson F. Flores

ADMITTING that the government is unable to help all the drug dependents wishing to turn over a new leaf get adequate treatment, Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr. has turned to the private sector for help in putting up rehabilitation centers.

Lina said that based on 1999 figures, there is an estimated 1.8 million regular users of prohibited drugs nationwide.

But there are only 13 government-run rehabilitation centers all over the country and these can only accommodate a few hundred at a time, with treatment and rehabilitation usually taking from six to 15 months, he said.

"Clearly there is a need for more rehab centers," Lina added.

Lina has also asked former drug dependents to help the government.

"Who else but former dependents themselves could help drug abusers?" he said.

Lina's statement was seconded by Eddie Castillo, president of Seagulls Flight Foundation Inc. and himself a former drug user.

Castillo said the foundation has been helping drug dependents kick their habits at its rehabilitation centers in Tagaytay and Antipolo cities.

Most of the reformed addicts are then employed at the rehab centers to help others.

"To paraphrase the saying about thieves being able to catch other thieves, it takes a former drug dependent to help another," he said.

He said the foundation was willing to help the government.

Seagulls' rehab centers are accredited by the Department of Health and have the support of the Dangerous Drugs Board and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, among other government bodies, Castillo said.

An Appeal to
His Excellency George W. Bush
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) EMBASSY TO DONATE FIVE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P500,000,000.00) OUT OF THE PROCEEDS OF VISA APPLICATIONS, TO THE SCHOOL-BUILDING PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, historically, the Philippines has very harmonious diplomatic ties with the United States (US) of America being a colony for several years, and now a staunch ally in its fight against global terrorism;
WHEREAS, the US is an advocate of globalization or the "one world" concept and imposes less restrictions on travel to the US by citizens of European countries and Japan;
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WHEREAS, starting November 2002, Filipinos applying for visa for the US are required to pay One Hundred Dollars ($100) equivalent to Five Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (P5,300.00) per visa application;
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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the Philippine Congress requests the US Embassy to donate to the Department of Education at least Five Hundred million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) annually to the school-building program of the Department of Education;

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No deal before probe, Fraport told

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said that Fraport AG's allegations of extortion by government officials and her legal counsel in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 (Naia 3) project must first be resolved before negotiations for a settlement can continue.

"Fraport has charged persons connected with the government with extortion and this issue should be resolved first by bringing in the evidence," Ms Macapagal said in a statement. "Arbitration cannot move forward if one party is accused of fraud. We have to clear this matter first and I welcome an open, transparent probe by any entity of stature and prestige," the President said. "The principle here is fair and reasonable compensation under our laws and standard of justice."

Fraport earlier accused F. Arthur "Pancho" Villaraza, the President's personal lawyer, of demanding "tens of millions of dollars" to oust the Cheng family from the Naia-3 project to pave the way for the entry of Malacañang's favored group. Fraport also linked Gloria Tan-Climaco, former presidential adviser for strategic projects and Avelino "Nonong" Cruz, the President's chief legal counsel to the ouster plot.

In a separate statement, presidential chief of staff Rigoberto Tiglao claimed that Fraport chair William Bender had made a "thinly veiled blackmail threat" to launch an international campaign to embarrass the Philippine government to pressure it to go along with the contract it signed with the past administration.

Tiglao said the President upheld the position of the Office of the Solicitor-General that the Fraport-Piatco contract to build Naia 3 was graft-ridden and onerous in November last year which was subsequently affirmed by the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee in December and by the Supreme Court in May.

"It is the President's sworn duty to uphold the law and to fight corruption. It was therefore a moral issue for her administration to stop such an anomalous contract whose main onerous features were fashioned in the past administration," Tiglao said.

Fraport has filed a case with the World Bank's arbitration court seeking $425 million in compensation from the Philippine government for its investment in Naia-3.

"These (extortion charges) are based on the absurd argument that three individuals managed to stop a huge $600 million project merely because Fraport refused their demands," Tiglao said.

As this developed, Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel Roxas II yesterday strongly denied reports that he tried to stop officials of Philippine International Air Terminals Co. Inc. (Piatco) from leaking Fraport's extortion complaint to the media.

Roxas, who heads a three-man committee tasked to oversee the Naia terminal 3 project, denied making any phone call to any Piatco official.

"Reports . . . were absolutely false. The complaint filed by Fraport does not concern other parties, including Piatco; thus, there was no reason for myself or members of our committee to communicate with Piatco officials," Roxas said in a statement.

He, however, admitted that the three-man committee—which also includes Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon and Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza—has been negotiating with Piatco representative Jose Alvarez for the possible settlement of the Naia Terminal 3 issue.

The INQUIRER earlier reported that Roxas and Mendoza made several calls to ranking Piatco officials to try to stop reports on the extortion complaint from coming out in public.

The INQUIRER said calls were made on Oct. 12 and Oct. 13. ***With report from Michelle Remo***

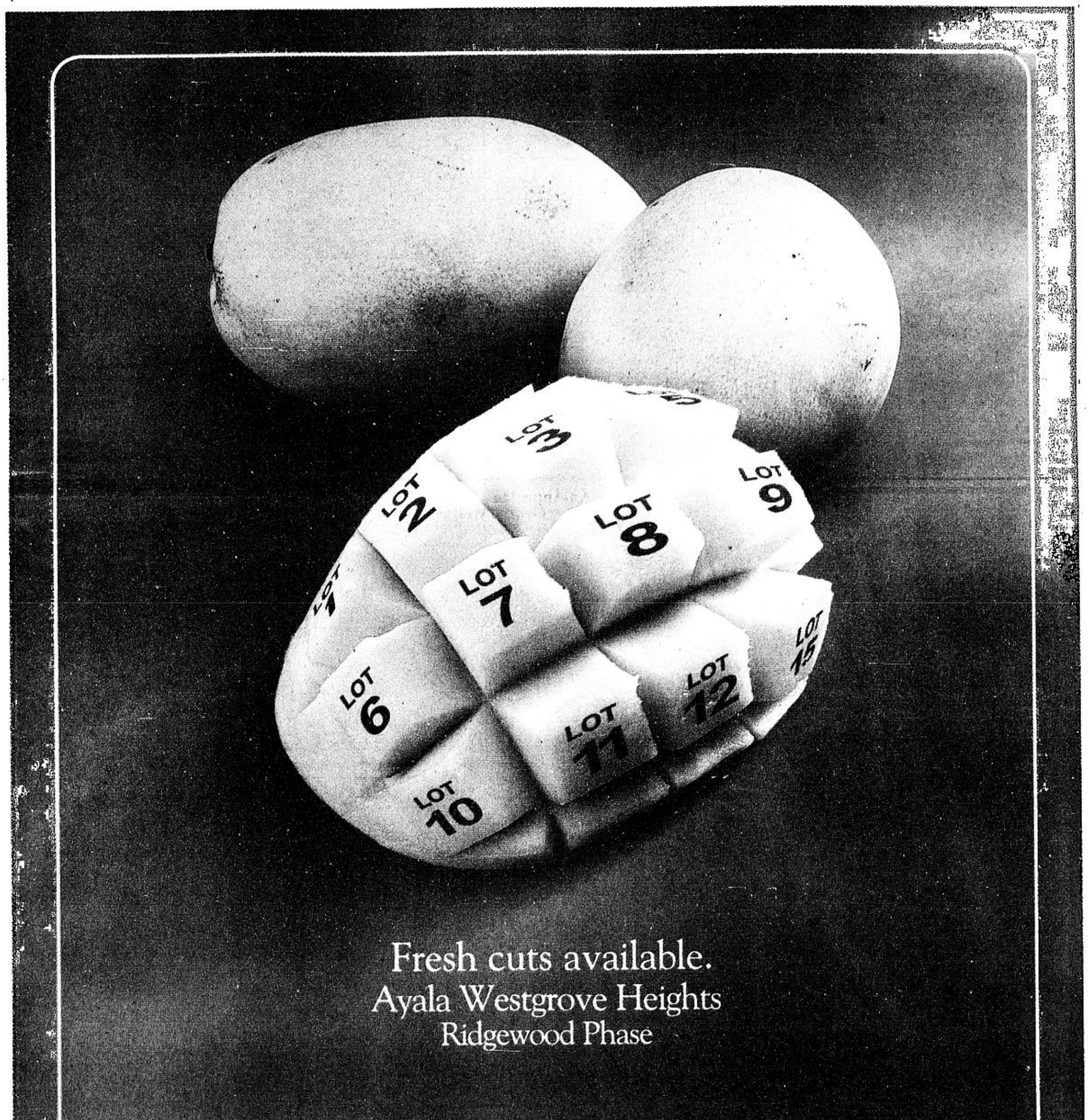
Travel advisories irk GMA

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is dismayed by a barrage of negative travel advisories issued by Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada on concerns over lax security and probable terrorist threat during the state visit of US President George Bush.

In a statement, Ms Macapagal said: "It is unfortunate that these travel advisories have somewhat dampened the spirit of the Bush state visit."

"We hoped these are just transient manifestations of anxiety that will pass. Security preparations for the visit are very tight and there should be no reason for undue alarm," the President said.

Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada had warned their citizens against traveling to the Philippines because of heightened terrorist risks during the Bush state visit.



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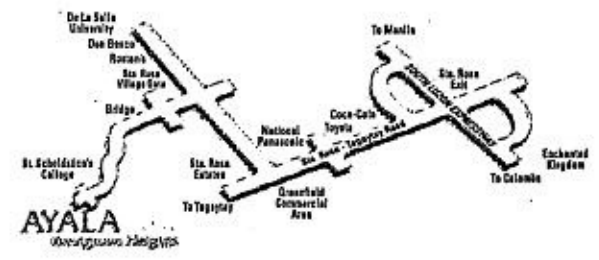

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Erap moving to vacation home, prosecutors fear

OF ALL places, why transfer a prisoner to a camp where he owns a vacation home not 200 meters away?

State prosecutors yesterday pressed their objections to jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada's apparently permanent transfer to Camp Capinpin in Tanay, Rizal, concerned that Estrada might "eventually end up staying" at his nearby vacation home.

"It's okay with us if his family can now easily join him coming from the vacation house, but our only concern is that he might soon be moving around practically like a free man," explained prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio.

He noted reports that Estrada's wife, opposition Sen. Luisa Ejercito, started cleaning up the vacation house shortly after the Philippine National Police moved her husband to the camp on Thursday morning.

Villa-Ignacio also observed that Estrada and his lawyers posed no objection to the transfer unlike in previous instances.

He noted that the PNP itself has admitted that there were no specific threats against Estrada's life.

Without prior approval from the Sandiganbayan court trying Estrada on plunder charges, the PNP moved the ousted leader out of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center the other day, citing an alleged rescue plot by unnamed groups out to embarrass the administration during the state visit of US President George W. Bush.

The PNP invoked an August 2003 court ruling that gave it blanket authority to relocate the VIP detainee in emergency situations.

At yesterday's hearing on the transfer, PNP legal counsel Chief Supt. Doroteo Reyes said the PNP planned to keep Estrada at the camp "until we can find a better one [jail]."

He said that allowing Estrada to live in his vacation home "was never considered."

The court granted the request of state prosecutors for the court to inspect on Monday Estrada's new quarters, a two-bedroom bungalow surrounded by a barbed wire fence. *Volt Contreras*

Charges vs Erap pal upheld

By Philip Tubeza

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice has upheld the filing of criminal charges against Zamboanga trader Li Peng Wee, a friend and former presidential adviser of ousted President Joseph Estrada, for allegedly smuggling chemicals used in the manufacture of shabu.

In a two-page resolution, Justice Secretary Simeon Datumanong denied Li's motion for reconsideration asking the DOJ to dismiss the charges against him for violating Republic Act 6969, or the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990.

Former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez had cleared Li in September 2002 but Datumanong reversed Perez's decision in a resolution in April which Li subsequently appealed.

Li was accused of smuggling 39 drums of chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine hydrochloride, popularly known as shabu, from Malaysia in June 2000 on board MV Lady Mary Joy 2.

Li was listed in the shipment's papers as the consignee. Li, Estrada's former adviser on Mindanao affairs, is believed to wield tremendous influence in western Mindanao.

Customs officer Ma. Lourdes Mangaoang, who filed the charges against Li, said that among the toxic chemicals found in the shipment was methylene chloride which could be used to manufacture shabu and toulene disocynate, a raw material used to make drugs and explosives.

Mangaoang said that while Li was not a respondent when the case was first filed, his name was later added to an amended complaint since the seized shipment was consigned to him and his office allegedly received the billing statement.

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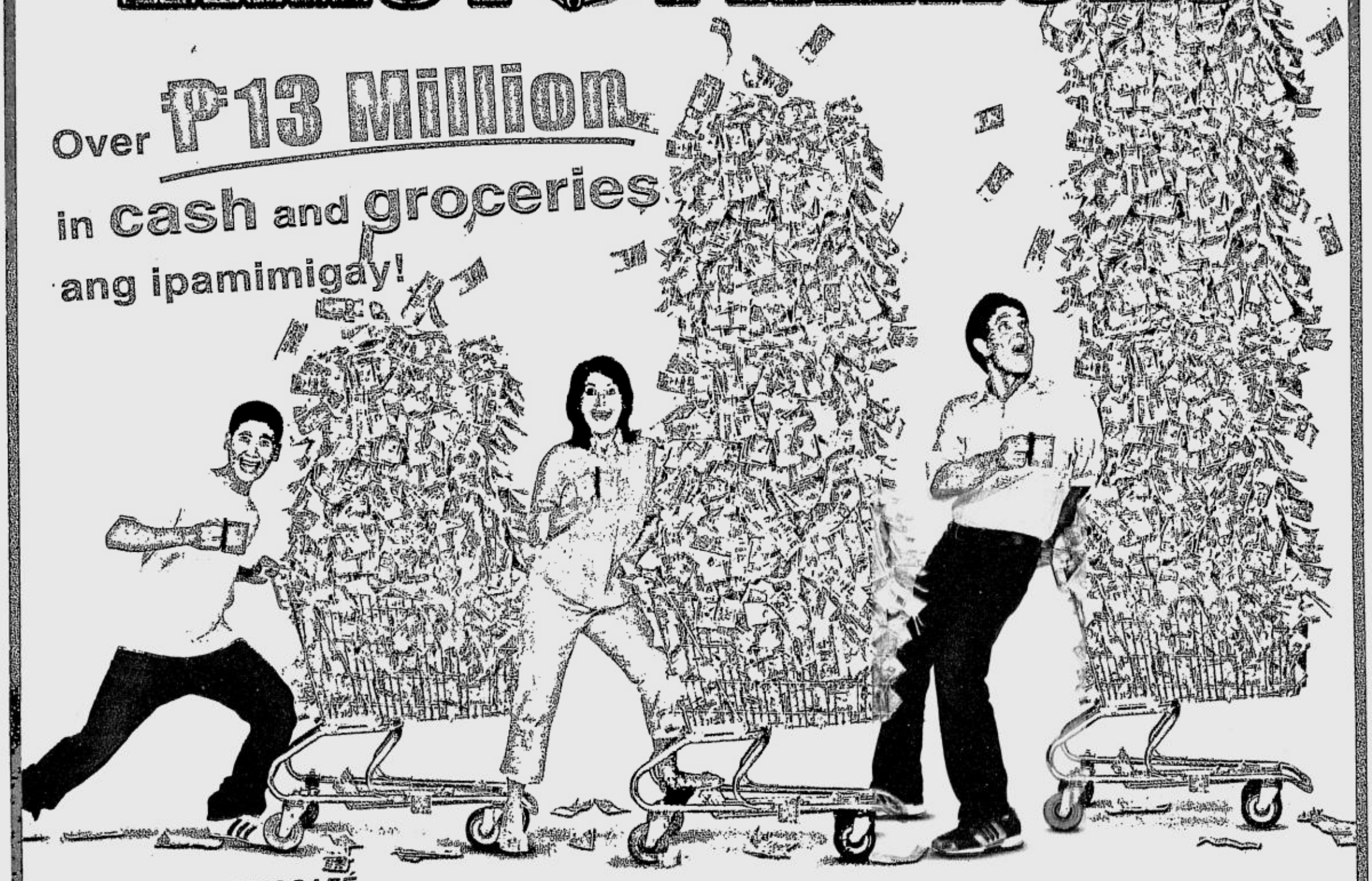

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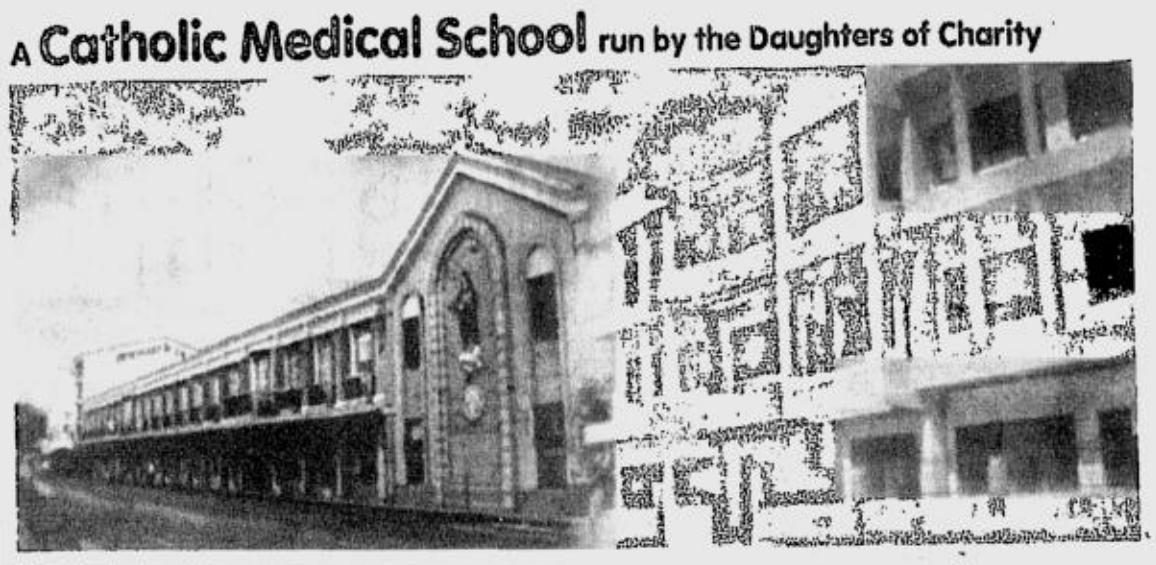

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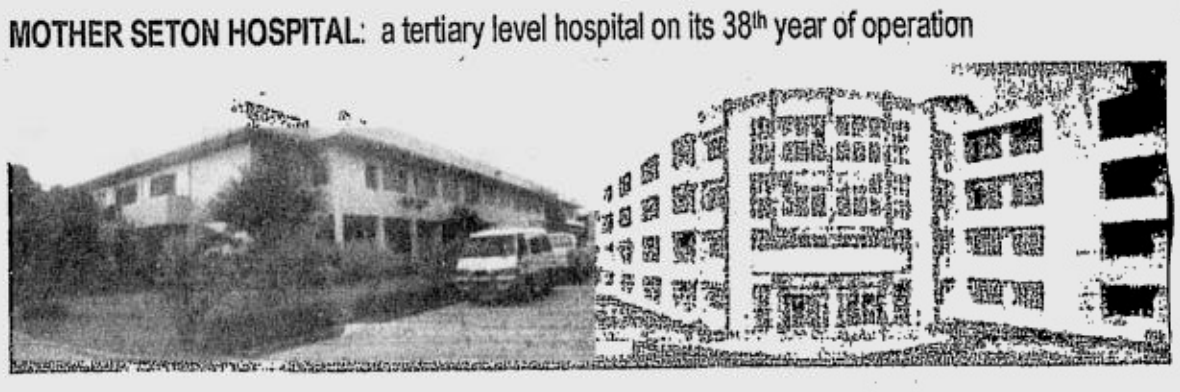

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ERC abetting overcharging by Meralco, says Enrile

FIGURES provided by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) reveal that the Manila Electric Co. has been overcharging its consumers more than P7.8 billion annually through a three-pronged scheme being sanctioned by the ERC itself, former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile charged yesterday.

Enrile said the ERC had been abetting Meralco in overcharging customers in 50 franchise areas in Metro Manila and Luzon in the return-on-rate-base (15.5 percent); in the systems loss (9.5 percent); and in the generation charge (P3.40 per kilowatt-hour).

He said it was ERC Chairman Manuel Sanchez himself who provided the information which enabled the Philippine Consumer Watch, a consumer protection advocacy group, "to prove beyond reasonable doubt that consumers are being bilked and milked to the tune of billions of pesos in illegal and questionable overcharges by Meralco monthly and annually."

Quoting data supplied by the ERC, Enrile said the first overcharging scheme allowed by the ERC was based on its May 30, 2003 order which authorized Meralco to collect from consumers "the equivalent of 15.5 percent return-on-rate-base (RORB) rate. The maximum allowable RORB is only 12 percent.

Enrile said the order, according to Sanchez himself, was meant "to compensate Meralco for the effect of income taxes which the Supreme Court prohibited Meralco from passing on to consumers."

This, in effect, overturned the Supreme Court decision and granted Meralco what the high court landmark verdict had explicitly barred the power distribution monopoly from collecting.

Enrile said the second scheme involved imposing a systems loss of P0.5493 per kWh or 16.14 percent of the generation charge of P3.4029 per kWh. He explained that this amount was illegal because existing regulations allow Meralco a systems loss of not more than 9.5 percent.

The difference between the 9.5-percent cap under the law and the 16.14-percent systems loss that Meralco has been charging consumers means an additional burden of P0.217 per kWh for every consumer, Enrile said.

In gross terms, Enrile said, it "means a whopping P420 million per month in overcharges or P5.04 billion a year based on Meralco's approximate monthly sales of 2 billion kWh."

The overcharging scheme, Enrile said, was a " dead giveaway" by Sanchez in his Sept. 4 letter.

He said Sanchez admitted that the "true average generation charge of Meralco was only P3.2952 per kWh. Yet, Meralco is allowed by ERC under the unbundled billing system to collect a generation charge of P3.4029 per kWh.

For this excess generation charge, Enrile said each consumer has to cough up an additional P0.11 per kWh, or P220 million per month or P2.64 billion annually.

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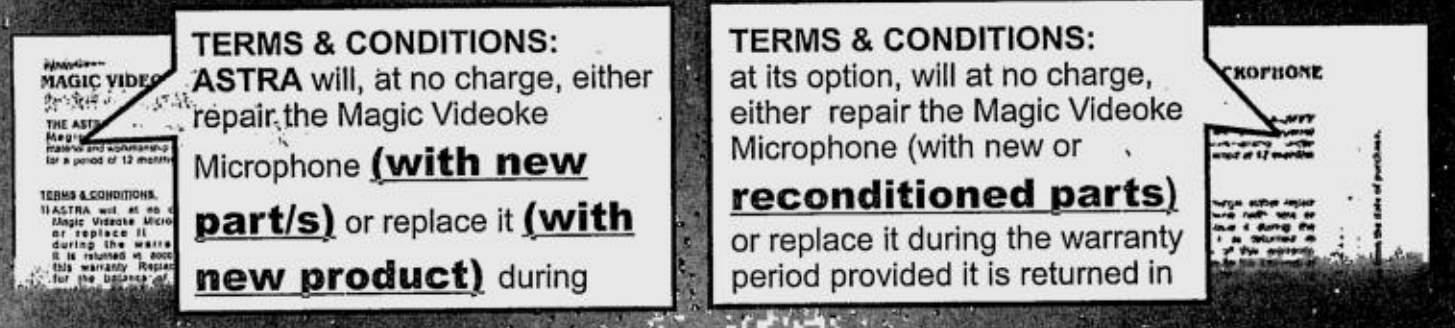

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The problem started with Moses who wrote in Genesis that: Palestine (already occupied by Arabs then) was the promised land of the wandering Jews. Modern archeological science provides us with proof that Moses borrowed heavily from Mesopotamian folklore for his stories like the Flood of Noah as evidenced by the cuneiform inscriptions in the Rock of Behistun which predates the writing of the Bible. I could go on and on but space does not permit me, but I assure you that Beelzebub the god of agriculture – was a good guy and the roots of our Middle East problem are in our Bible.

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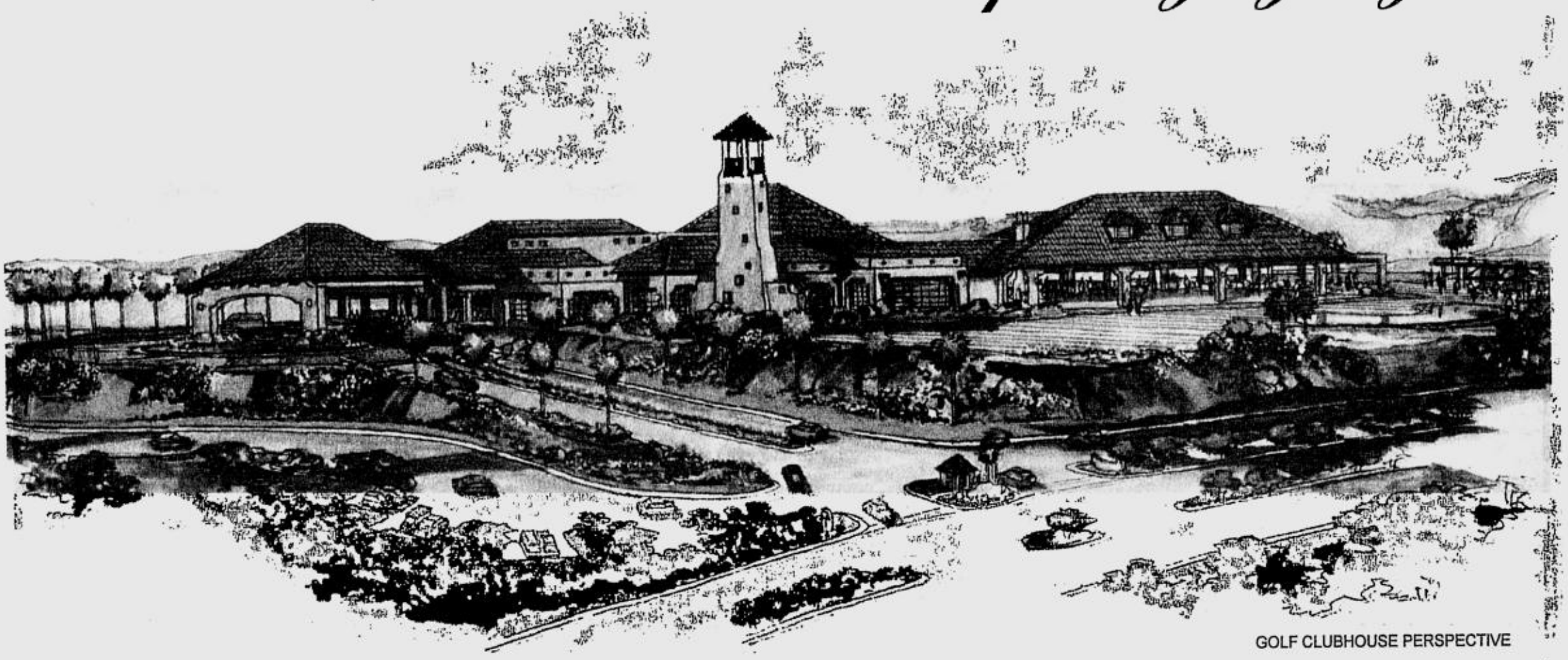

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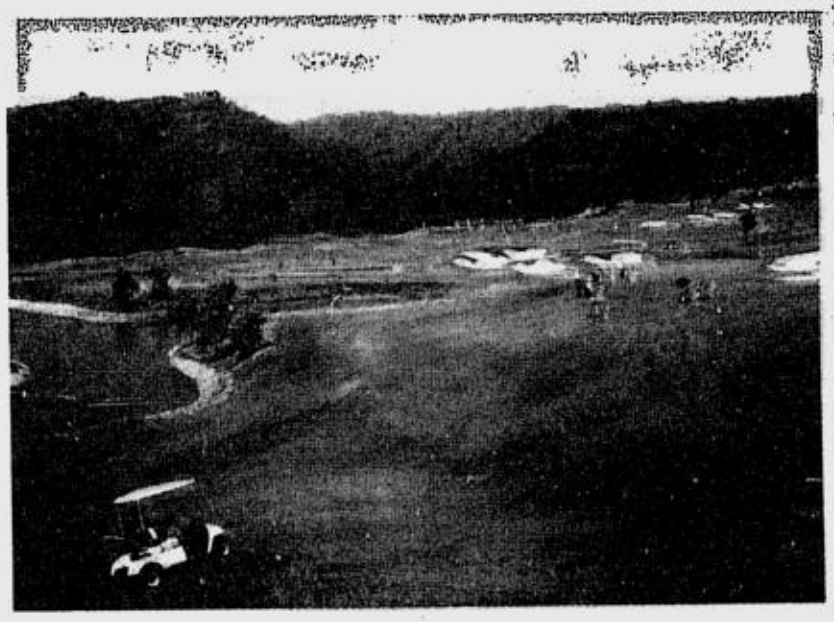

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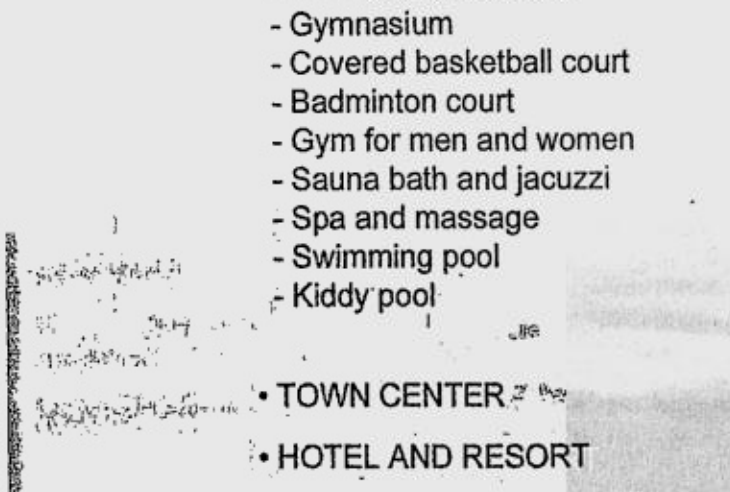

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Feliciano Commission: 'Twas power grab

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month inquiry, said the rebel leaders appeared to have "miscalculated" the public sentiment because they failed to draw civilian support, except for groups close to Honasan and Estrada.

Both men have denied involvement.

In a press briefing, Feliciano said there was no "legal and moral justification" for the action of the young officers, even if they had "legitimate grievances."

"That is not to say there is no corruption. To the contrary... we found quite a bit of it," he said.

The commission said the root causes of the uprising were the politicization of the military "amid erosion of civilian political institutions," which began when the dictator Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law in 1972.

It said the mutineers expressed two major grievances—the need to control corruption and the need to modernize the armed forces—that if left unchecked, could lead to a serious crisis for the military.

"Disregard of one tends to aggravate the effects of the other," the commission said. "Should corruption be left uncontrolled, and unheeded, the (Armed Forces) itself could implode and collapse with unpredictable consequences for the republic."

Discovery

It recommended that field commanders constantly warn their men against being recruited for destabilization plots, and that the government and the military address "legitimate grievances" against corrupt officers and practices.

The commission said that the discovery of the plot by government officials prompted the rebel group to switch to "Plan Charlie" and occupy Oakwood as soon as President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the arrest of their leaders on the evening of July 26.

The government succeeded in adopting countermeasures to avert the plot of the rebel group because of "the fortuitous scheduling of the coup attempt close to the President's third state of the nation address on July 24."

But the commission noted that authorities failed to prevent the Marines from Ternate, Cavite from moving to Oakwood despite intelligence reports about them. They also failed to stop the rebels from occupying Oakwood.

Not spontaneous

The body cited at least seven proofs that the occupation of Oakwood was far from spontaneous:

- The wide recruitment of military personnel, which began months before the mutiny at gripe sessions at which the bloodletting rite and the oath of loyalty were undertaken by each recruit.
- The purchase of uniforms and combat boots, rebel flags and red arm bands used at Oakwood.
- The use of backpacks that must have been purchased ahead of time.
- The purchase of expensive communications equipment and vehicles that were later recovered at Oakwood and in various other places by the authorities.
- The Oakwood reservation of Capt. Gerardo Gambala, under the name of George Uy, for July 19-24, and his actual use of the room where he was visited by Trillanes on July 24.
- The rebels' use of two staging points in Dasmariñas Village and Mandaluyong City.
- The pre-positioning of rebel vehicles in the armories of Fort San Felipe and Sangley Point at Naval Base Cavite.

But because senior military officers did not support the actions of the group, the commission said "the Oakwood coup attempt is the first one in the country's history that has been led by junior officers."

The failure to get such support suggested:

- A breakdown in the chain of command that the leaders themselves referred to.
- Alienation of the Magdalo group from their senior officers, which may reflect sentiments shared by other junior officers in the AFP.
- A general decline of professionalism in the AFP officer corps.

No names

Even with these findings, however, the fact-finding commission stopped short of naming the participants or conspirators or even in recommending their prosecution.

In its 148-page report, the body merely said it was necessary to "enforce the law against all violators," noting that "erring officers, troops and civilian partners in coup plots must be treated in accordance with law to control and reverse the culture of impunity."

Feliciano explained that, in the first place, the body was "not in the business" of finding out or recommending "as to the guilt or innocence of particular people."

Mandate

"Our mandate was to deal with matters of principle," Feliciano told reporters. "We were asked among other things to make recommendations that would prevent or tend to prevent replication of the Oakwood events."

Also, at the time the commission started its inquiry, government officials had already started to file charges as well as conduct a preliminary criminal investigation at the Department of Justice against people they had implicated in the mutiny.

Vice chair Minerva Reyes said that the commission did not try to "preempt the work of these investigative bodies."

"We made inferences from the facts as we found them only to determine the root causes because that was our mandate," Reyes said.

Feliciano said he and members of the commission handed their report to President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday morning. The President "seemed pleased" with their recommendations, he added.

Politicians involved

Commission member Roland Narciso, a former air force officer who was a classmate of most of the mutineers, said the "idealistic" officers were "manipulated" by politicians he declined to identify.

THE FINAL report by the Feliciano Commission that probed the Oakwood mutiny is presented at a press conference on Friday by its chair, retired Supreme Court Justice Florentino Feliciano. The commission concluded that the coup attempt was rooted in corruption and the politicization of the military. Also in photo is commission vice chair, Minerva-Gonzaga. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

THE FACE of discontent: Capt. Milo Maestrecampo, one of the leaders of the Oakwood mutineers at the height of the July 27 incident, was a very angry man as he berated media for their unruly behavior before a news conference. AP

"They are not man enough to face the consequences of whatever actions they have started," he said of the politicians.

In its report, the commission said some of the grievances raised by the soldiers "are not without foundation."

"Nevertheless, it appears that the impetus for the rebellion, the operative goal of the Magdalo group, was to seize power by force and implement Honasan's (National Recovery Program)," the report said.

The rebel soldiers raised grievances about graft and corruption in the military such as the Retirement and Separation Benefits System and the Modernization Fund.

These grievances "provide a fertile ground for the recruitment of officers and men for military intervention and even the overthrow of the government," the report said.

The grievances of the soldiers, the body said, underscored the need for the control of corruption in the AFP and the modernization of the same.

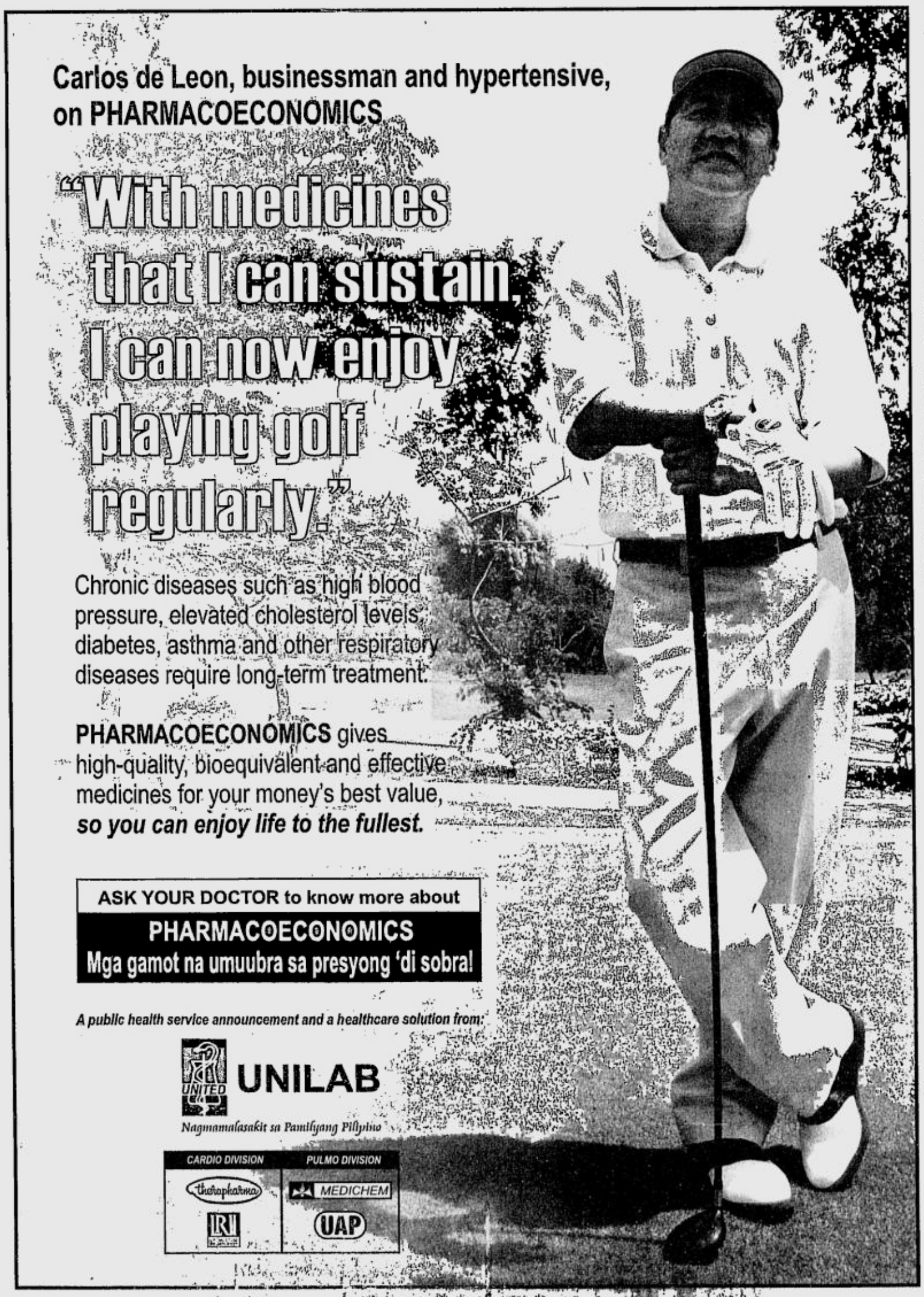
Recommendation

The commission made several recommendations on each of the grievances it touched on, specifically the problem of RSBS, the AFP procurement system, the modernization of the AFP, the state of the AFP medical services and benefits for soldiers killed in action.

Among the panel's recommendations, after 20 days of hearings and the testimonies of 94 witnesses:

- The commanding officers in the field must constantly warn their men against recruitment for destabilization plots.
- The government must appoint a civilian secretary of the Department of National Defense, as earlier recommended by the Davide commission, the body that looked into the 1989 coup attempt against the Aquino administration.
- The National Intelligence Coordinating Agency must revert to its original mandate, to coordinate all intelligence agencies, military and otherwise.

The other members of the commission were Fr. Joaquin Bernas, retired Commodore Rex Robles and Roland Narciso.



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THE COUNTRY'S 1,495 barangays will hold today synchronized barangay assemblies.

Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose Lina Jr. said his office had received reports of readiness from all of the country's 70 provinces and 113 cities. He said the barangay assembly day is an opportunity for the public to know what is happening in their localities.

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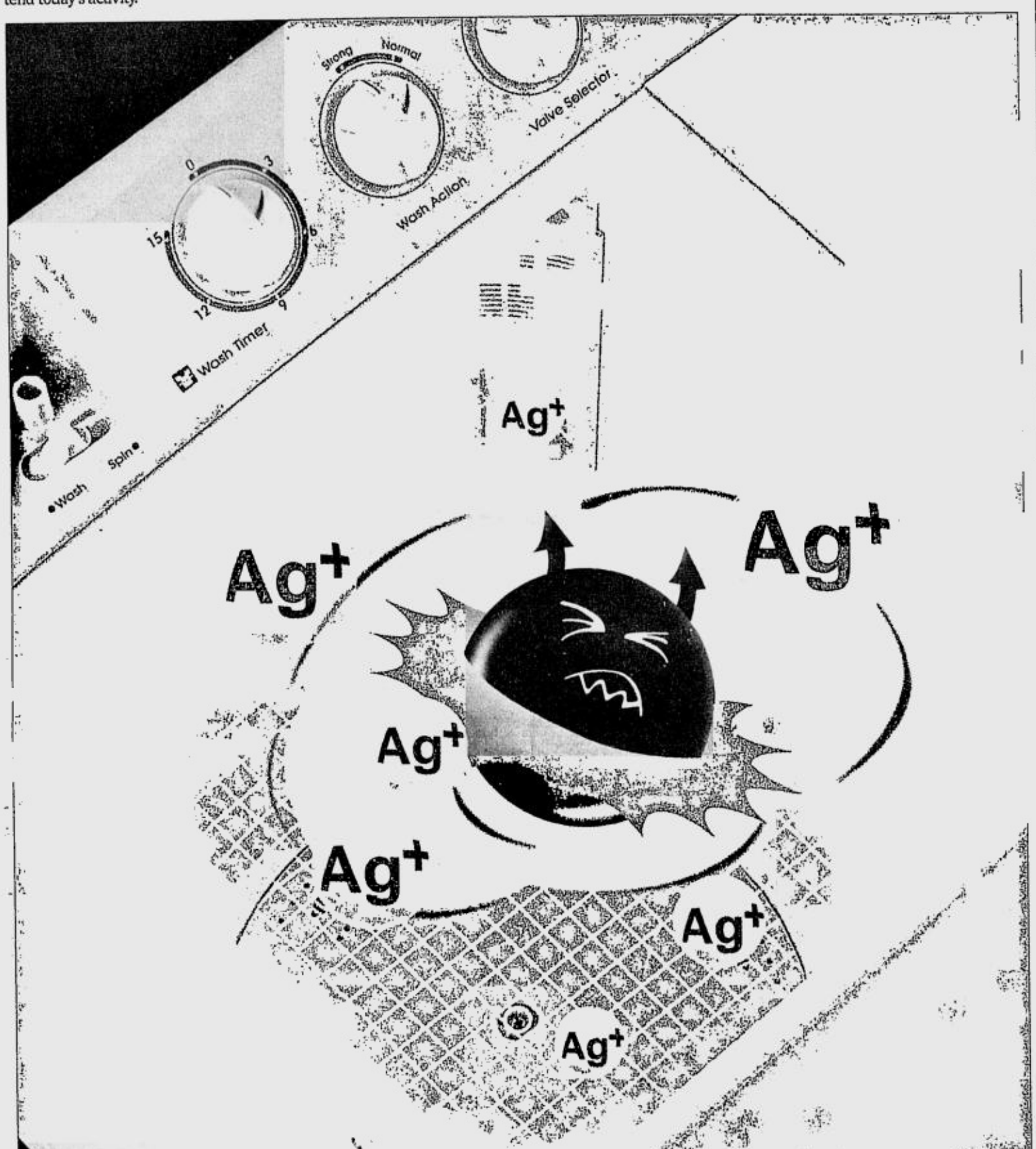

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The WORLD

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US wins UN support for its Iraq policies

UNITED NATIONS—The UN Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution on Thursday aimed at getting troops and cash for Iraq, a diplomatic victory for the United States, which sought backing for its occupation.

The unanimous vote was uncertain until the last minute. In a surprising shift, France, Russia, China, Germany, which had opposed the war in Iraq, gave their support. Syria, the only Arab member on the council, then came on board.

With US President George W. Bush under pressure over the growing cost of the Iraqi operation in US lives and money, the resolution asks nations to aid the reconstruction.

It sets up a multinational force, under US leadership, to give political cover to nations reluctant to serve under the occupation. And it calls on Iraqi leaders to draw up a plan for a new constitution and elections by Dec. 15.

"If there ever was a time to help Iraq, it is now," US Ambassador John Negroponte told the council.

But pledges of aid were slow in coming, particularly among wealthy European nations. At a summit in Brussels, European leaders declined further aid after setting a modest $232 million contribution from EU coffers for 2003-2004.

In a joint statement, France, Russia and Germany, said the resolution should have gone further in expanding the political role of the United Nations and accelerating the transfer of power to Iraq.

"In that context, the conditions are not created for us to envisage any military commitment and no further financial contributions beyond our present engagement," they said.

And Pakistan, considered a prime candidate for sending soldiers, declined to do so, saying the new multinational force created under the resolution was not distinct enough from occupation troops.

"Under these circumstances Pakistan will not be able to contribute troops for the multinational force in Iraq," its UN ambassador, Munir Akram, told the Security Council.

The resolution, which went through five revisions since August, almost failed to get the minimum nine votes required for adoption. France, Germany and Russia proposed joint amendments, the main one asking for a timeline to end the occupation, which was rejected by Washington.

After intense negotiations led by US Secretary of State Colin Powell, China and Russia were the first to signal they were open to more compromises, US officials said.

Russia then pressured Germany, which in turn convinced France, diplomats said.

Even if the Bush administration had received nine votes for adoption, a narrow victory would have been considered a political failure in recruiting support for US policies.

"We were looking for more than passage. We were looking for a solid statement from the entire international community and all of the members of the Security Council if possible," Powell said in Washington after the vote.

Powell said he did not expect the resolution to prompt a flood of foreign troops but he hoped for more generous contributions at a donors conference in Madrid on Oct. 23-24. *Reuters*

POPE'S 25TH YEAR
Pope John Paul II waves as he is wheeled away at the end of his 25th anniversary Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Oct. 16. Tens of thousands of pilgrims streamed into St. Peter's Square for the Mass at 6 p.m. AP

3 foreign soldiers killed in Iraq attack

KARBALA, Iraq—Three international military policemen were killed in a midnight clash in this restive shrine city, witnesses reported Friday. Conflicting reports said the dead were either Polish or American soldiers.

The US command in Baghdad, 85 km to the north, said it had no immediate information on the bloodshed.

Gunfire broke out again Friday morning in the same area, around the offices of a senior Shiite Muslim cleric in Karbala, where rivalries among Shiite factions have produced sporadic violence in recent weeks.

An armored personnel carrier appeared to be firing as screaming men, women and children fled for cover. Shiite gunmen defiantly shouted Allahu Akbar," or God is Great.

Iraqi policemen who were at the scene said a fellow officer also was killed in the fire fight late Thursday, and a gunmen who said he took part said, in a report otherwise unconfirmed, that seven of his comrades were killed in the clash. *AP*

WORLDBRIEFS

N. Korean nuclear crisis

SEOUL—North Korea on Thursday threatened to display the "physical force" of its nuclear deterrent and to step up a nuclear weapons drive if the United States failed to meet its demands. The North Korean foreign ministry spokesperson told the state-run Korean Central News Agency that Pyongyang would end doubts about whether it possessed atomic weapons. "When an appropriate time comes, the DPRK (North Korea) will take a measure to open its nuclear deterrent to the public as a physical force and then there will be no need to have any more argument," he said. The spokesman said North Korea "will have no alternative but to take measures to maintain and increase its nuclear deterrent force as means for just self-defense" against the "hostile" policy of the United States. *AFP*

Biggest rally in Bolivia

LA PAZ—Tens of thousands of poor indigenous Bolivians marched into the capital on Thursday as their leaders rejected President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada's bid to defuse a deadly revolt, vowing to protest until the "butcher" quit. In the biggest march during a month of protests in South America's poorest country, a colorful column of demonstrators snaked downhill from the outskirts of La Paz, exploding small dynamite sticks and chanting the president was a "murderer." There were sporadic clashes between protesters with slingshots and troops with tear gas and rubber bullets who set up a ring around the nearby presidential palace in the world's highest capital. Local radio said eight people were hurt. Indian leaders, angered at deaths of an estimated 74 people in the last month, said the president's offer to change some of his hated US-backed, free-market policies was too little, too late. His support within the government also eroded. *Reuters*

Iran defiant-ElBaradei

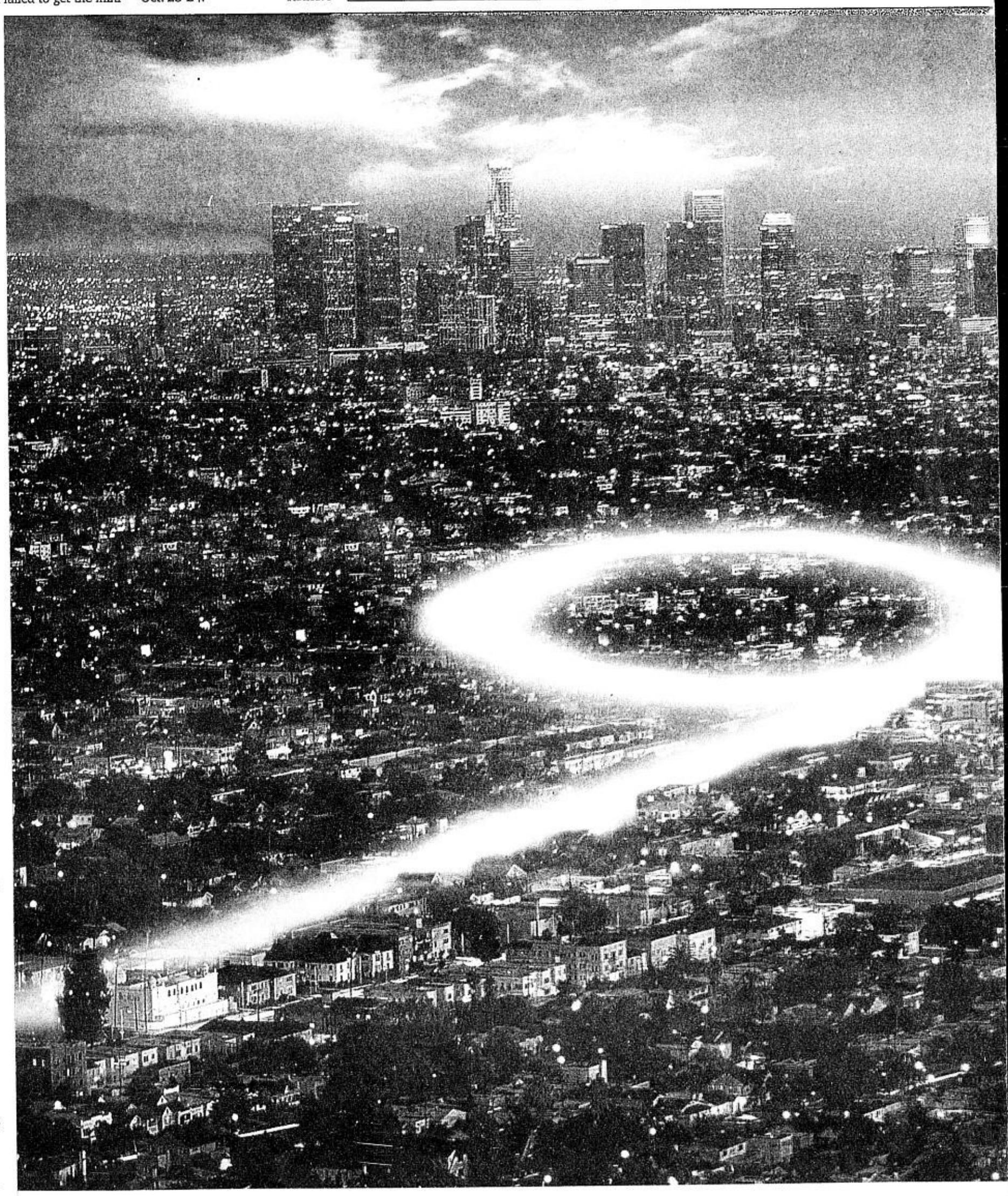
TEHRAN—Iran has still not agreed to stop enriching uranium despite an International Atomic Energy Agency resolution passed last month, IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei said here overnight before leaving Tehran Friday. Asked whether Tehran had agreed to suspend its uranium enrichment program ElBaradei replied: "No. The IAEA governors' council called on Iran to suspend (those activities) as a confidence-building measure, but I think that they continue with the enrichment. They have not yet taken a decision." In a resolution on Sept. 12 the IAEA called on Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment program, to allow unfettered access to its nuclear sites and complete information on nuclear material purchased abroad. *AFP*

Bush arrives in Japan

TOKYO—US President George W. Bush arrived in Japan on Friday to start a six-nation sweep through Asia that will be dominated by issues of security, counter-terrorism and trade. Discussions with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, one of his closest allies, are expected to include the matter of sending Japanese troops to Iraq. Japan said earlier this week it would contribute $1.5 billion for Iraq's reconstruction. The two leaders also may talk about currencies. Bush sent the yen soaring this week when he said the value of currencies should be determined by markets—a remark traders interpreted as criticism of repeated Japanese intervention to weaken the yen. *Reuters*

Anglicans slam pro-gays

LONDON—The world's leading Anglican clerics criticized rebel clergy in the United States and Canada on Thursday for threatening to tear their movement apart by defying its conservative stance on homosexuality. After two days of crisis talks in London, the 37 clerics said in a statement they "deeply regret" the actions of US Anglicans for electing openly gay cleric Gene Robinson as bishop and of Canadian Anglicans for voting to allow same-sex unions. But they stopped short of calling for the expulsion of the North American rebels as some church conservatives had sought. *Reuters*



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Muslims back Mahathir over attack on Jews

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia—Muslim leaders closed ranks around Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad Friday after his attack on Jews caused a firestorm of protest and overshadowed their troubled bid for unity on Iraq at a summit meeting here.

Mahathir's provocative declaration that "Jews rule this world" and get others to fight and die for them drew violently contrasting reaction in the western world and at the meeting here of the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Western nations condemned the speech as outrageous and offensive, while Israel's ambassador to Singapore Itzhak Shoham compared the remarks to those made by Hitler.

But Muslim officials gathered for the OIC meeting said Mahathir's comments had been taken out of context and were aimed at rallying the Muslim world.

Yemen's Foreign Minister Abu Bakr al-Qurbi said he supported Mahathir "100 percent." "The prime minister outlined a very important issue that the Israelis and the Jews control most of the economy and the media in the world," he said.

"Therefore we face that challenge of how we can as a Muslim *ummah* (community) act to counter such Zionist abilities by building our capabilities, both economically and in the media form."

Mahathir had called on Muslims to emulate the Jewish response to oppression, saying the Jews had "survived 2,000 years of pogroms not by hitting back, but by thinking."

"We cannot fight them through brawn alone, we must use our brains also," he said.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said, "Those who are commenting on the speech have not read it in its entirety." *AFP*

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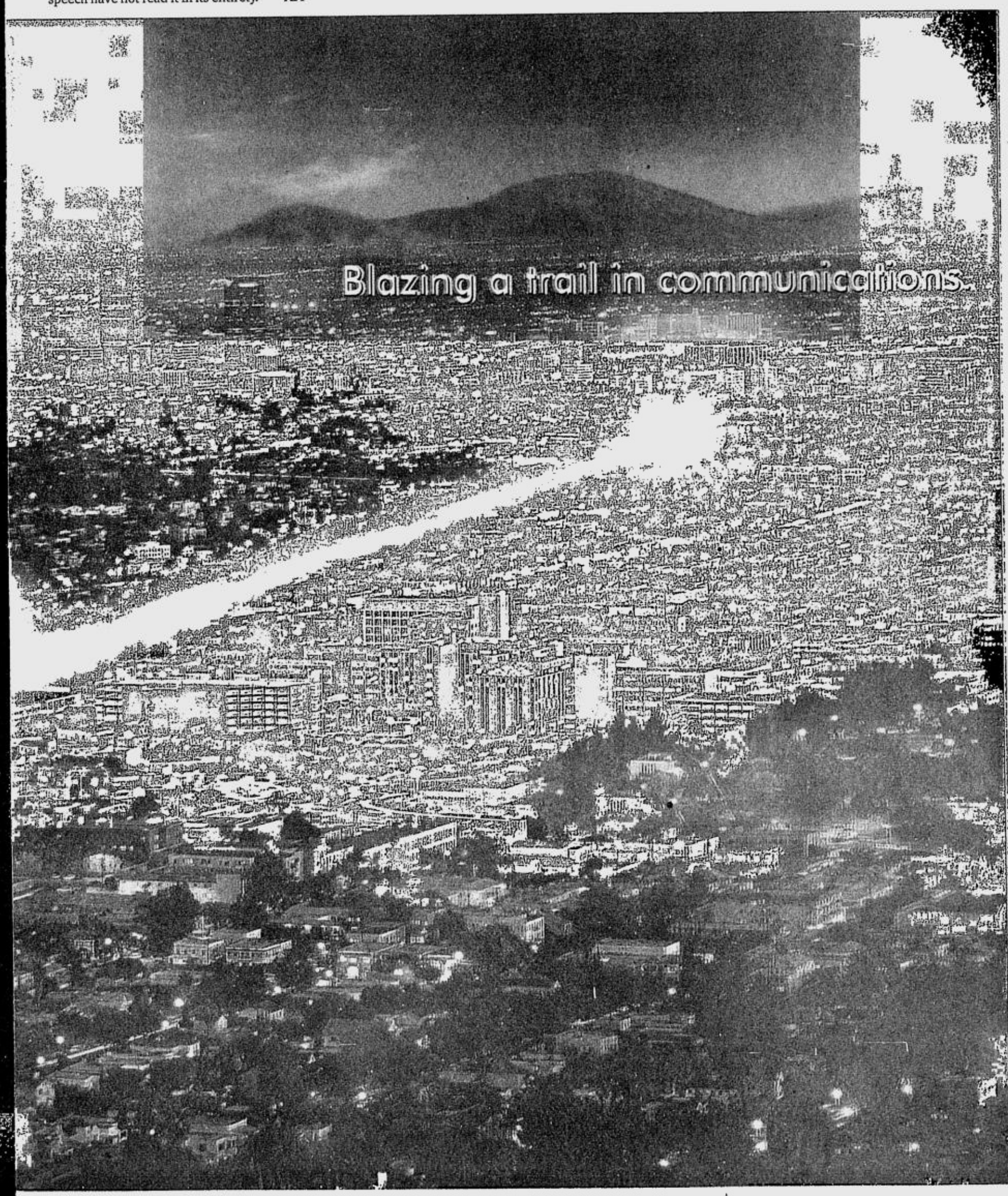

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Right perspective

PRESIDENT George W. Bush arrives in Manila from Tokyo today on the second leg of his six-day visit to Asia Pacific, underlined by two key themes: strengthening security arrangements against terrorism emanating from the region and revitalizing trade in the wake of the collapse of the trade liberalization talks in Cancun, Mexico.

EDITORIAL Given this thematic background, it is ironic that the main concerns of Filipinos are focused on the "fiesta" atmosphere of the official reception for Bush's party, which is contradicted by the "fiery" welcome being readied by militant groups highlighting generations-old issues of unequal Philippine-American relations. Both forms of welcome trivialize the more serious aspects of the visit.

It is part of traditional Filipino hospitality to lavish their guests with fiestas. This fiesta atmosphere has been criticized as extravagant. But what makes the criticism tasteless is that it comes from the members of the Marcos family who ought to be reminded that former President Marcos and then First Lady Imelda Marcos elevated the fiesta to an art form as a state function and her extravagance remains to be matched by succeeding administrations.

As for the militants, they are no less innovative in bringing themselves up to date on current issues that bedevil Philippine-American relations. The militants, from the Left and the nationalist sector, plan to burn dozens of American flags in protest against the pro-American slant of the Macapagal administration and the evils of globalization and trade liberalization. The militants say this "fiery welcome" is their way of sending their message. This practice of burning flags has been going on for nearly half a century but it has never put the country nearer the goal of achieving parity with the United States.

Thus, in order to make the message more emphatic, it is suggested that the militants not only exercise more imagination in presenting their message but also emulate what Vietnamese Buddhist monks did to call attention to the American intervention in the Vietnamese nationalist liberation movement during the Vietnam war. The monks poured petrol on their bodies and burned themselves in blazing self-immolation to prove that they were willing to undergo more sacrifices than just burning effigies of the US flag in sack cloth.

Disparities between nations have never been narrowed by exuberant street actions that drown issues with noise. Nor have disadvantaged nations ever closed the disparity between them and their former colonizers by screaming out their grievances, which are better addressed by negotiations and hard work to make the economy more competitive in an environment of trade liberalization rather than hiding behind the shield of economic protectionism.

The main purposes of Bush's visit to Manila and the four other Asia-Pacific countries—Japan, Thailand, Indonesia and Australia—are two-fold: first to thank the nations that have backed the American-led war on terrorism and on Iraq, and to pick up the pieces of the structure of multilateral trade shattered by the failure of the Cancun trade talks.

As far as the Philippines and Indonesia are concerned, Bush is particularly giving their politically beleaguered governments a vote of confidence for their actions against terrorism launched by al-Qaida's satellite organization in the region, Jemah Islamiyah, which has extensive roots in both the Philippines and Indonesia.

Of more immediate concern to the Philippines is that it is seeking substantial economic and military aid from the United States to enhance its capacity to combat security threats posed by terrorists. Bush is expected to announce concrete economic and military aid programs. The critical interpretation of these programs is that they could enhance President Macapagal-Arroyo's electoral chances for a full term in next year's election.

With this in mind, it is useful to ask who will benefit most from the Bush visit—the Macapagal administration or the nation at large. Aid helps a nation surmount crisis and develop economic strength if it is deployed judiciously on socio-economic projects instead of being consumed by military expenditures. If this is the correct perspective from which to assess the Bush visit, then let us not be distracted by trivial side shows like effigy burning and the nitpicking over fiesta expenditures.

Adrenalin for the 'bakya'

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

SO the people of California have followed the Philippine electorate and chosen an actor as their new governor. Arnold Schwarzenegger was among the least qualified among the candidates in the recall election but he won just the same with the help of what might be the equivalent of our *bakya* crowd in that enlightened forum. Perhaps the voters in Daly City and the numerous other Filipinos in that state contributed a lot to the overwhelming (but not majority) victory of the make-believe Terminator.

This is not the first time the voters of California have allowed themselves to be captivated by the tinsel attractions of Hollywood personalities. George Murphy, a minor dancer, was elected senator from that state, but mercifully only for one term. Ronald Reagan, a B-picture actor specialized in cowboy roles, won two terms as governor and later as President of the United States. Clint Eastwood, who started his movie career in the boondocks of Italy, was elected mayor of a small city in California but called it quits after only one term.

Schwarzenegger does not have the same image as Dirty Harry, whose trenchant "Make my day!" was more dramatic than the bodybuilder's "*Hasta la vista, baby*." Schwarzenegger had not held public office before and is not even a native of the United States; he was born in Austria, the same birthplace of Adolf Hitler, whom he followed as a young Nazi sympathizer. No less than 15 women denounced him during the campaign for having molested them. He impliedly admitted their charge when he said candidly, "I always say whenever there's smoke, there's fire... Yes, I have behaved badly sometimes."

Now he's governor of California, which is reputed to have the fifth largest economy in the world and today has a budget deficit of more than $40 billion. How Schwarzenegger will maintain its record and solve its problems is anybody's guess because he was lacking in platform and programs in his campaign. He depended mostly on his popularity as an action star and the broad expanse of his chest and biceps, not on his cerebral powers or political experience. Unless he drafts advisers more knowledgeable on the science of government and the art of politics, as Reagan did, Mr. Terminator may find his tenure terminated sooner than he expects.

The political farce in California may be replicated in this country in 2004, but to nobody's surprise. Many serious-minded citizens are worried that our so-called democracy may suffer another mortal blow like the election in 1998 of Joseph Estrada to the highest office in the land. Chastened somewhat by the scandalous misrule of their idol, the local *bakya* crowd may find renewed hope in the triumph of Schwarzenegger as an acknowledgment of the mindless voters as the deciding factor in the democratic election. In our country, all that is required for the exercise of the right of suffrage are citizenship, age and residence (including, preposterously, immigrants domiciled abroad) qualifications. Requiring literacy is prohibited.

This should provide adrenalin to such presidential probables as Noli de Castro and Fernando Poe Jr., who depend primarily on the support of the so-called *masa* and not on their own academic credentials, which are noticeably absent. They belong in the same class of entertainers who have polluted the once august membership of the Senate, which used to include bar topnotchers like Roxas, Laurel, Primicias, Garcia, Tolentino, Padilla, Marcos, Pelaez, Ziga, Salonga, Diokno and Sumulong, nationalists like Recto and Tañada, feminists like Pecson, and educators like Osias and Benitez.

Now the Senate has television bozos, basketball stars, movie action heroes and semi-literate newscasters to sit with suspected killers, mahjongg kibitzers and beneficiaries, and, thankfully, a few worthy members like vestiges of the honorable past. It's *propesterous*!

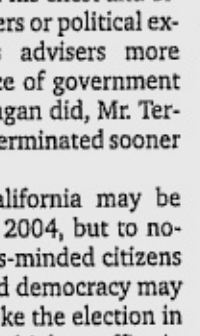
Fernando Poe Jr. has renounced presidential ambitions, but so did Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo last year. Now she is back on the campaign trail and eating with her fingers again for show. The FPJ for President movement resumed as a quiet boomlet but may escalate into a Hollywood-style extravaganza produced by Viva Films. Noli de Castro, consistent survey topnotcher, has denied any dream of residing in the Palace (at least for now) subject to contrary orders from above, meaning ABS-CBN and its kingmaker owners.

With the 2004 elections still eight months away, candidates are already campaigning in violation of the Constitution. President Macapagal should set the positive example in respecting the law, but she is herself leading the pack in disdaining it. I shudder to think of what will happen to us next year.

Quo vadis, my beloved country? Are we determined to debase ourselves again in 2004?

Spooked by ghosts

GET REAL



Solita Collas-Monsod

IN THE AFTERMATH of the Kris/Joey affair, a lot of people were talking/writing about Kris' "obvious" low self-esteem that attracted her to the most unsuitable of partners—people who, it was implied, did not belong in her social and intellectual, if not economic, milieu.

If we apply the same criterion to ourselves, Kris is going to have a lot of company. Here is a company of doubtful international standing—several airlines, including British Airways and Air France filed and won a suit against Fraport for trying to monopolize the air handling system in the Frankfurt Airport; it is now having the same problems in Lima, Peru; it got into trouble even in Germany when it was charged with rigging the bidding for the Frankfurt airport—getting into bed with local businessmen (the Chengs) to the extent of lending them part of the money for their equity in a new company (Piatco), and then lending Piatco more money when more prudent potential lenders refused.

And yet when Fraport casts aspersions on the President, the Supreme Court, and several Cabinet members (not to mention Gloria Tan-Climaco and F. Arthur Villaraza) in a complaint filed with the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (Icsid), our immediate reaction is that it is telling the gospel truth. Foreign white man, therefore truthful, to be trusted. Filipino, therefore lying, corrupt, SOB.

That is not all. Not bothering to find out what Icsid is all about, we tremble at the vast powers we have clothed it with, and having assumed that Fraport will win this case, we go on to worry about the international and national implications: the effect on foreign investors, the effect on the economy. Then we go around interviewing all and sundry and asking for their opinions , no matter whether they are familiar with the case or not, the more discouraging, the better. We created our own excitement—or allowed ourselves to be excited by spinmakers—imagining all sorts of problems and scandals, and then we panic.

Thus, Climaco has come out with a full-page ad defending herself, and Villaraza's law office has come out with another full-page ad doing the same thing for its senior partner. Meanwhile, tapes of the purported extortion attempt are going the rounds. Mar Roxas, who is mentioned in the Fraport complaint in his role as chair of the Oversight Committee, says categorically that the German firm is either telling outright untruths or twisting the facts. Per Mar, the allegation that he called up Piatco asking them to sit on the story is totally false. And both Mar and Solicitor General Fred Benipayo say that just compensation was always on the table—awaiting audit, and of course the decision of the Supreme Court on Piatco's motion for reconsideration.

I'm willing to put my money on Mar's and Fred Benipayo's word.

Ateneo law professor on government contracts Bong Bernas, who was responsible for asking the Supreme Court to declare the Piatco contract null and void, is more graphic about what happened: "Fraport gambled on Piatco and the Chengs knowing that Piatco's bankers refused to release money to Piatco. It lost. It now wants the government to bail it (Fraport) out and so by going to Icsid they are not asking for fair treatment but for special treatment, calling their gamble an investment. Second, Fraport's action is premature: the reconsideration that Piatco asked of the Supreme Court is still pending, and it hasn't even gone formally to the government with its claims."

So, difficult as it may be, let's try not to sell ourselves short by immediately thinking the worst of ourselves. First, let us try to piece together the story, using more credible sources other than the press releases emanating from some public relations office. Let us get to know more about Icsid (the trusty Internet is on hand). Only then can we do a better job of deciding what the impact is, if any, of this "bombshell" that Ping Lacson first brought to our attention.

Let me concentrate on Icsid, since, as mentioned above, everybody and his brother will eventually come out with their own versions of what happened. Icsid was established in 1966, and its main responsibility is to arbtitrate between member countries and private investors from other countries, who voluntarily ask for their services. Through an "Additional Facility," it can also institute fact-finding proceedings to which any state and foreign national may have recourse if they wish to institute an inquiry "to examine and report on facts."

Since its inception, Icsid has settled 79 disputes, and as of the latest update, it has 61 pending cases, 24 of which were filed this year, including the Fraport case.

It is instructive to note that this is not the first case (assuming the government consents to arbitration) involving the Philippines. The SGS (Société Générale de Surveillance) filed one in 2002 regarding its service agreement which the Philippines terminated. What is important is that this did not create any ripple in the investment world—the sky didn't fall on us because somebody took the country to Icsid.

What is more, the list of countries involved in investment disputes is quite long—about 56 before my eyes crossed. They include the United States, Spain, New Zealand, Malaysia, Indonesia (Argentina seems to be the champion, with more than 25 cases under its belt). So the Philippines is in some good company.

That should at least kill off one of our bogeys.

Let's be hospitable to US visitor

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

US President Bush will address the joint session of Congress tomorrow, the only legislature he will address during his six-nation swing through Asia. Bush did not address the Japanese Diet and neither will he go to the Thai, Singaporean, Indonesian and Australian parliaments, though reports say Aussie legislators now want him to address them too. We hope that this fact will spur members of our Congress to put on their best behavior forward and uphold traditional Filipino hospitality toward the American visitor, regardless of whether they agree or disagree with his politics or not.

No effort was spared by Speaker Jose de Venecia to spruce up the Batasan complex and make the Bush address before the joint session of Congress secure and pleasant (it's only the second address by a visiting US president, the first being that of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in June 1960). Last Wednesday, he hosted a breakfast meeting in his residence with the more progressive elements in the House, and met another group in the afternoon in his House office. He appealed to them to be hospitable and not to do anything that would embarrass the House or the Filipino people. The legislators were said to all have promised to do so. Many citizens join in that appeal. Let's not let down the Filipino people, regardless of our politics.

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Yesterday JDV monitored the last-minute House preparations from his Dasmariñas Village residence, as he was a bit under the weather. Doubtless the responsibility for securing the US President and giving him a hospitable reception has worn him out. But few know that it was JDV who extended the invitation to Bush to address Congress at the White House during GMA's state visit. Bush liked the idea and told JDV to discuss the details with his national security adviser, Condoleeza Rice, and sheepishly JDV replied, "I already did, Mr. President." Bush grinned widely after realizing that JDV was several steps ahead.

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Incidentally, unimpeachable US sources say that the Balangiga Bells will be returned to the Philippines very soon. Details of the turnover are being worked out, such as, will it be by presidential fiat or an act of the US Congress? The famous bells, which were taken from Balangiga, Samar, as war booty after the massacre of 1901, now hang in the parade grounds of an air force base in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Then Sen. Heherson Alvarez was the first Filipino official to push for their return after he visited the base in 1990. Alvarez has been looking at this problem since his student activist days in UP, where "Remember Balangiga" was a popular slogan.

President Fidel Ramos also pushed for their return during the visit of President Bill Clinton for the Apec summit in 1996.

The return of the bells will be interpreted as a gesture of goodwill on the part of the United States.

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Doubtless many citizens were startled by the press statement issued by the "Wednesday Group" in the Senate, consisting of three former House members (Senators Manny Villar, Joker Arroyo and Ralph Recto) and one political neophyte, Francis Pangilinan, that since they are not Lakas members they don't feel bound by the decisions of the ruling party. These independents who ran under the People Power Coalition in 2001 say they are studying whom to support in 2004. Speculations are that these senators are ready to bolt from the PPC, but some pundits suspect that all they want is more tender loving care from the administration, which they have not been getting. *"Kulang lang sa himas-himas,"* said one pundit.

I've actually heard complaints from this group about how sometimes they are made to feel as though they're mere rubber stamps when it comes to legislative work. Curiously, Sen. Noli de Castro, who has consistently topped the polls, is counted as a member of the "Wednesday Group." It's widely believed that with the demise of Sen. Rene Cayetano, this group has a lot of influence over the former broadcaster.

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Last Thursday noon, I was at Tower Club in Makati for a meeting, and I ran into Malaysian Ambassador Mohamad Taufik. The envoy, who is usually very ebullient and cheerful, and is in fact one of the most popular diplomats around, looked quite disturbed and upset. Doubtless he did not get to enjoy the delicious Chinese meal at the Tower Club. I immediately asked Taufik about the report carried by the INQUIRER and another newspaper that morning that the Philippine request for observer status was "rejected" anew by at the ongoing 10th OIC summit in Putra Jaya, Malaysia. I found the rejection story, which was apparently sourced from an MILF official, quite intriguing. Earlier I had written that President Macapagal-Arroyo was attending the KL summit upon the personal invitation of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad, and that it was felt that her attendance would strengthen RP's application for observer status in the OIC, which is currently enjoyed by the MNLF.

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Taufik was quite emphatic: "No, no, there has been no rejection whatsoever by the OIC of RP's bid. It has not yet been considered, so how can it be rejected." He denied the report that the powerful Committee of the Eight rejected RP's bid, stressing that that committee had no mandate to do so since the proper forum for discussion of RP's bid would be the foreign ministers' summit in Istanbul next year. Taufik said the story was an embarrassment for Prime Minister Mahathir and thus he had to do some "damage control." The ambassador added that he himself was taking it "very personally" since he was with the President the day before and assured her of Malaysia's support for its bid.

The power of 'chismis'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ALAMINOS CITY—It had taken months of back-and-forth between my cousin Lulu Garcia and me before my husband and I finally made the trip to my hometown. While there was no problem about our coming over to give a seminar on the basics of journalism at the Great Plebeian College, where Lulu is the current director, there was the big problem of scheduling. Still, after several postponements, there we were on the road at four in the morning of Thursday, braving possible roadblocks at the North Expressway.

There may have been roadblocks, and my husband said vehicles were moving at a crawl from Balintawak to Sta. Rita, but I had no way of knowing, having dropped off to sleep the second we hit the expressway. When I finally snapped awake, after a leisurely breakfast at the Luisita mall, we were already within the city limits—back in the old hometown for a brief visit and to the college founded by my father, Ernesto Jimenez, soon after the War.

The first order of business, though, was a meeting with some concerned women of Alaminos to organize our efforts for Abanse! Pinay. Among those taking part in the meeting was lawyer Nitz Chauhan, Region I coordinator for the Commission on Human Rights, who was also coming over to distribute certificates of accreditation as human rights educators to several GPC faculty members who had completed a course on human rights education. Great Plebeian happens to be the partner-institution of the CHR in disseminating information and training on human rights in this part of Pangasinan.

Nitz Chauhan was a very active member of Abanse! Pinay in Nueva Ecija, and she was in fact the third nominee of the party list in the 2001 campaign, until she had to drop out after she decided to run for vice governor. So it was also a happy reunion for both us.

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ALSO taking time to join us was Mayor Alice Pulido of Anda who came with husband Nestor. The latter had a very interesting story regarding his electoral protest over a seat in the Pangasinan provincial board. The Comelec has ruled twice—at the division level and en banc—in his favor, but he is still unable to take his rightful seat because his opponent managed to get a temporary restraining order from the Supreme Court.

From a discussion on the background, principles and plans of Abanse! Pinay, we moved on to talk about issues that affect women and that they felt a women's party should espouse and project. When I mentioned a plan to bring doctors around the country to talk about women's health problems, while holding free clinics at the same time, the women mentioned how difficult it can be seeking health services in a locality (yes, even in a city like Alaminos) where people still know each other. Even going for a pap smear, which is supposed to be a part of every woman's health regimen, can be difficult.

They reinforced the supposition of many public health professionals that the reason relatively few Filipino women go for routine pap smears is that "it's identified with prostitutes." Even just entering a social hygiene clinic, the women recounted, is enough to set tongues wagging, setting off speculation that a woman was living a less than saintly existence.

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REMARKED one of the participants, a single parent: "Even if they just see my car parked outside an ob-gyn's clinic, people will surely start gossiping about me, wondering if I'm pregnant or if I'm having an affair."

It has become so bad, she said, that she and her friends have had to look for ob-gyns in Dagupan or some other nearby city if only to enjoy some privacy.

This is why the idea of sponsoring free clinics for screening and consultations was welcomed by the women, because, they said, they would then have good reason to go for a pap smear, mammogram or any other test without setting town gossips' tongues wagging.

I must confess that I hadn't thought of such forms of social control as gossip and rumor-mongering as a deterrent to what public health people call "health seeking behavior." The reason as many as eight women die each day due to cervical cancer, which the pap smear can detect easily even at an early stage, is that when they do go for treatment, it's often too late, with the cancer already at an inoperable stage. And the reason they don't get tested? Because they're too embarrassed and too afraid of what people will say.

"Cervical cancer" may be what's put as "cause of death" in one's death certificate, but the real reason might well be "fear of *chismis*."

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CLEARLY, we have yet to evolve into a truly humane society, where women's health problems aren't blamed or linked to their morals or lack of them. We have yet to evolve into a society where a woman feels free enough to seek information and treatment even for the most intimate, embarrassing health matters. We have yet to become a society where a woman can talk on TV about acquiring a sexually transmitted infection without inviting the wrath of a judgmental public down on her head.

The way small communities operate—with everyone knowing and looking out for everyone else—can be seen as both blessing and bane. We're all aware of how public opinion can serve as a form of control, holding people to strict norms of behavior or standards of morality, flouting which can lead to isolation, contempt or shunning.

On the other hand, we can also use the power of *chismis* for positive ends, to encourage concern for one's neighbors or town mates, encourage those with problems to seek help (such as advising a battered woman where she can find temporary shelter and protection), and organize neighbors to protect and help one another.

SC justices: Ours to protect

COMMENTARY

R'cardo M. Abcede

WHEN under attack, our Supreme Court justices win the battle by staying sober and continuing to work. In the language of our youth, they stay cool. They don't hit back, they don't argue, they don't demand a tooth for a tooth or an eye for an eye.

Has anyone seen Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide in a television talk show discussing charges leveled against the Court? Do any of the justices issue press releases in defense of their rulings or actuations? Do they join rallies or accept speaking engagements in support of a cause or an institution? Do they hire publicists or public relations experts to polish up their image and endear themselves to the public? Of course not. And we can only thank them for that.

Supreme Court justices, by dint of their unique and singular office, purposely avoid going public, not to preserve their own privacy and wallow in it, but to insulate themselves against anything that may even remotely contaminate or seep into that milieu of pure legal reasoning which alone should underpin their rulings.

To keep from being beholden to anyone, they neither solicit nor receive favors, keenly aware that there's no such thing as a free lunch. They are inclined to sever business and social ties, limiting their dealings with the world to the barest minimum. Although persons of opinion, they don't write columns or deliver speeches.

The experience of Associate Justice Artemio Panganiban in "going public" through his book, "Reforming the Judiciary," is instructive of what can go out of control even in an otherwise harmless task like narrating a small chunk of current history.

Like monks who refuse to bear arms, our Supreme Court justices are a vulnerable lot, especially when assaulted by modern-day barbarians who use sticks and stones rather than the pure light of reason. For instance, the ousted president, Joseph Estrada, after declaring he no longer expected to obtain justice from the Court, made a tl ly veiled call for revolution by telling his follo..ers, "True justice is all in your hands because power resides in you." After failing earlier to spark a civil war between the country's haves and have-nots, Estrada settled for a smaller battle that would pit the justices against the brute force of his unenlightened followers.

Soon enough, the justices soon found their homes and offices surrounded by irate Estrada followers. The sight was ugly, a huge slide backward in our nation's bid to remain among the world's civilized nations. The backslide has been halted only by the fortunate fact that none of our justices has been harmed so far.

Not to be outdone, Sen. Panfilo Lacson, heir apparent to Estrada, has cast aspersions on the entire criminal justice system instead of limit his demolition job to the Supreme Court alone. He says his star witness in his Jose Pidal exposé, Udong Mahusay, chose to bring his allegations of corruption against First Gentleman Mike Arroyo to Lacson rather than to the courts after Mahusay had asked himself, "Who appoints prosecutors? Who appoints the NBI director? Who appoints judges?" In Lacson's twisted logic, appointment equates with corruption. And since justices "owe" their appointment to a president, incumbent or otherwise, they cannot possibly be trusted enough.

Now, a few questions remain: Just how strong is our determination to keep our justices out of harm's way? Are we prone to delude ourselves into believing that the justices can take care of themselves, and may therefore be left alone? Shall we wait until something terrible takes place, before we do anything for our justices? Do we appreciate enough the role played by the Supreme Court such that we are ready to come to its protection?

Sure, Supreme Court justices are not infallible—they also commit mistakes. They are sometimes accused of judicial legislation, of interfering with contractual relations even if no public policy or interest is involved; of coming out with inconsistent decisions; and, as Estrada's lawyers claim, even of "judicial activism" in Edsa II.

We can always disagree with their decisions, but how can they defend themselves against politicians who use the media, the halls of Congress or even unruly demonstrators to sully their integrity and reputation?

We expect them to decide cases with cold neutrality and the strictest judicial scrutiny, without regard to popularity or fleeting public opinion. Yet there are those who would not spare them the aspersions previously reserved only for less revered institutions, perhaps because it is the fashionable thing to do now.

It is clear the Supreme Court is under siege. All at once, there is a move in Congress to impeach justices, some opinion writers have demanded that the Chief Justice resign, allegations of anomalies within the Court are surfacing, alleged restiveness among Court employees are highlighted by media, and recently one justice was the recipient of a morbidly threatening wreath. Recently the Chief Justice was constrained to invoke separation of powers due to a congressional investigation of the Judiciary Development Fund.

If it befits a Supreme Court justice not to rise to his or her own defense, then that defense has to come from elsewhere. We the people, should close ranks as a shield of protection for our justices.

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Bitter fruit

YOUNG BLOOD

Apolinario Alvarez

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.**

IT seems to me that most people have forgotten the *dalandan*. A type of citrus fruit, it is often used by mothers as a remedy for colds and fever. The fruit has been one of the principal products of the Bicol region and Mindoro. Peasants from these places highly value this fruit, primarily because it is their source of livelihood.

I come from a family of farmers in Camarines Sur. My parents inherited a seven-hectare piece of land from their parents, and they have developed this property by planting coconut trees, bananas and *dalandan*. We live off the produce of the farm like many other peasant families in Bicol.

I spent practically all of my life until my teenage years in the farm. And like my friends, I helped cultivate and harvest the crops.

With the income they earned from growing and selling *dalandan*, parents in our province have been able to send their children to schools in Naga City or in Manila. Through my parents' hard work, I myself was able to go to college in one of the universities of Manila.

But now it seems that cultivating *dalandan* is no longer as profitable as before. Our country's membership in the World Trade Organization has devastated our agriculture. It has reduced further the already meager incomes of small farmers. And the situation of many peasant families has gone from bad to worse.

It was in 1994 when the Senate ratified the new GATT agreements, with then Sen. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the primary sponsor. In 1995, the Philippines became a member of the WTO.

Many Filipinos, especially farmers, strongly opposed these measures. I was still a college student then and I took part in various public forums where the issue of accession to GATT and membership in the WTO was debated. I joined numerous mass protest actions condemning the twin moves. Perhaps, without fully realizing it then, I could already foresee its effects on the livelihood of many peasant families.

I knew the righteousness of the struggle. I was aware that the Agreement on Agriculture would pave the way for the influx of various foreign agricultural products. Because of "free market globalization," local goods would no longer enjoy protection through high tariffs and other import restrictions.

The agreement has caused devastation in the agriculture sector, and specifically in our case, the production of *dalandan*. The ratification of GATT-WTO sent the price of *dalandan* crashing to the ground. Where before, farmers could earn as much as P100 per basket, now a similar quantity fetches only P40. And the unlucky farmers still have pay the cost of bringing the fruits to the market in Manila from Bicol or Mindoro.

But farmers can do little else but shrug their shoulders in resignation despite their much diminished incomes. Ponkan, oranges and similar imported products now dominate the local market. And most consumers prefer these imported fruits to our *dalandan*.

The same thing is happening to other local agricultural products like tomatoes, garlic, onions, cabbages. It is sad to see the markets of Baguio filled with fruits and vegetables imported from Taiwan and Malaysia, since that part of the country has always been known as a major producer of vegetables.

The near destruction of Philippine agriculture has a great effect on the children of peasant families nationwide. Many of them have had to stop their college studies and sought employment in urban centers as contractual workers in semi-manufacturing factories.

On the other hand, many farmers in our region, unhappy with the low incomes they were earning from *dalandan* production, have turned to other products.

Instead of encouraging higher food production for domestic consumption, the government, through the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture, has promoted the planting of trees for export such as mahogany. Vast areas of agricultural land have now been put to other uses.

It has been a decade since the Philippines joined GATT-WTO. The effects of globalization on small farmers who plant *dalandan* and other agricultural products are obvious. Globalization has sounded the death knell for local agriculture, and pretty soon for the Filipino peasants who constitute the majority of our population.

The collapse of the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the WTO in Cancun, Mexico, is an initial victory for the poor peoples of the world. However, unless the Philippine government withdraws its membership from the WTO, our agriculture sector will continue to deteriorate.

Let us help save the dying *dalandan* industry. Let us save and develop our agricultural products. Let us save the livelihood of many Filipino peasant families.

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THEY SAID

Cause and effect

"It is hard to believe that there is no corruption in Pagcor (Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp.). Gambling is a vice. Vice funds Pagcor. Its cause being vicious, Pagcor cannot be virtuous."

—Archbishop Oscar Cruz, seeking the abolition of Pagcor

His way or no way

"Now, Senator (Panfilo) Lacson is showing his inability to accommodate other views. It shows his propensity to have it his way or no way at all."

—Rep. Gilbert Teodoro, blasting the senator's comment that the National People's Coalition's position was "bakla."

What Uncle Sam wants

"Sad but true. We have to abide by the world superpower."

—Rep. Rozanno Rufino Biazon on talks where the US Secret Service wants to take over the House security

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Unconscionable cruelty to a horse

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I HAVE been hearing a lot of good things about Intramuros so last August I decided to bring my three children, 10 nephews and nieces along with their parents to check out the place and have fun. We were not disappointed. The government has done a good job in restoring Intramuros' old glory.

However, a single incident spoiled our day—we witnessed how a horse was maltreated by its master (the local *kutsero*) in view of all the people visiting the place. The poor animal collapsed probably due to exhaustion from its day-long work of bringing people around Intramuros. In fact, someone from the crowd who probably works within the vicinity of Intramuros (the person was wearing *damit-pambahay*), commented that the *kutsero* shouldn't be treating the horse that way because it hasn't been fed yet. But the *kutsero*, obviously thinking that pain would eventually make the animal stand up, kept whipping the horse in the presence of shocked visitors, foreigners and locals alike. What made the situation very disappointing was the presence of Intramuros marshals who witnessed the incident but didn't do anything to stop the *kutsero* from harming the animal.

Will someone in charge of the upkeep of Intramuros please do something about this? The incident doesn't help the government's "Wow Philippines!" thrust in inviting tourists to visit our country. It also leaves a bad impression for children who witnessed the incident. We have an Animal Welfare Act which should be strictly implemented.

Despite what happened I still intend to visit Intramuros and bring along other people who haven't been to the place, but we hope not to see again the cruelty to an animal we saw. We ask the officials concerned to educate the *kutseros* and marshals on the humane treatment of animals.

—RAQUEL FAJARDO,
Quezon City

A story to be told and retold

YOUR stories about real people helping others in need are one reason I read the INQUIRER. The Sunday feature on charity causes also gets my attention. I appreciate that there is an effort to "ground" readers on the plight of our fellowmen and present ways by which we can help others.

Thank you for featuring heroine Sr. Christine Tan on your front page the other Sunday. Certainly this is one story worth reading and passing on to our children. Here is a beautiful, heartwarming and triumphant story of someone who labored in our country... and the indomitability of the human spirit.

May her story be told and retold so more of our fellowmen can learn from the values she exemplified.

—CHRISTINE LIWANAG,
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Erroneous power bills

LAST month the INQUIRER featured a subsistence driver who was billed by Meralco for P6,000 for his one month electricity consumption. Obviously, this consumer would refuse to pay. Considering that this incident was given a prominent space in an inside page of the paper was enough proof of its rarity.

This is not unusual for Esamelco, an energy company in Eastern Samar. Before, I got a wrong billing from this company last June. I had been told of similar complaints. One, a follow government employee, with a few electrical appliances, got a surprise bill for P1,500. Another, a next door neighbor, got a billing for P2,000. These consumers' monthly consumption would not reach P350 and P400, respectively.

The company proffered a compromise settlement of P1,000 to each of them. Fearing disconnection, inconvenience or litigation, they reluctantly settled their bills on the basis of the compromise.

The sad fact was that despite their clients' justifiable complaints, the company exerted little effort to check the maximum or average payments to arrive at the compromise payments.

As for the author's, the compromise settlement was also P1,000, with a billing of P1,500. My maximum monthly energy consumption is P750.

The company consoled us that it was the error of the meter reader or the meter was possibly malfunctioning. It is surprising that the error always tends to favor the company. Thus, the persistence and continuing occurrence of erroneous billings.

—FRANCISCO C. CABANATAN,
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Mercedes, Eastern Samar

Appreciation Letter
To
Her Excellency
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Thanking her for extending time and support to our
All-out War Against
Illegal Activities in the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Industry

Madame President,

We, the Officers and Members of the LPG Industry Association, Inc., (LPGIA) would like to express our sincerest appreciation for meeting us last October 1, 2003 to discuss the myriad problems besetting the LPG Industry today.

We are grateful for the clear direction Your Excellency gave the various government agencies that oversee our industry. We are confident that these agencies will effectively and efficiently implement what Your Excellency has tasked them to do - to strictly implement the law and apprehend illegal LPG refillers and LPG cylinder pirates.

We are confident that this government - private sector partnership will minimize, if not altogether eradicate, the malpractices in the LPG Industry.

Finally, we wish to assure Your Excellency that LPGIA stands behind your administration's thrust of protecting the Filipino consumer against unscrupulous traders whose illegal practices endanger the lives and property of our countrymen.

"TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT"

Maraming salamat po, Madame President and MORE POWER !!!

LPG INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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GMOs anti-poor

CONTRARY to Malacañang-initiated reports highlighting the "support" of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, for the "use of genetically modified organisms" that are safe to human health, let it be clear that the Vatican has not yet issued any definitive statement on the issue.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) president, Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, informed concerned anti-GMO advocates that there has been no official endorsement coming from the Pope.

An indication of its genuine discernment and prudence when making decisions on fundamental issues such as food, the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, tasked to issue an official pronouncement on genetically modified organisms, factors in the strong anti-GMO sentiments coming from the Episcopal Conferences across Asia and Africa and some nations in Europe.

On July 19, the National Secretariat for Social Action, Justice and Peace (Nassa) wrote to Archbishop Renato R. Martino, head of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, informing him of Nassa's concern over the alleged endorsement of GMOs that the council was reported to have made.

In reply, Archbishop Martino noted the validity of Nassa's arguments about GMOs being anti-poor. He, however, requested Nassa to submit to the council scientific evidence that will substantiate these arguments.

Nassa responded accordingly and, through its Diocesan Social Action Centers, is documenting farmers' experiences where Bt-corn seeds had been planted. As of the moment, Bishop Dinualdo Gutierrez is in the Vatican and is scheduled to meet with Archbishop Martino to discuss the issue.

Amid escalating opposition, government acknowledges that any pronouncement from the Vatican is pivotal in influencing the opinion of Filipinos regarding GMOs. Right now, however, government claims that the Pope has endorsed GMOs are unsubstantiated and premature. In behalf of its farmer partners, Nassa stands by its conviction that GMOs subvert peoples' right to food. This human rights violation arises from the patenting of GMOs as mandated by the World Trade Organization. Subjected to policies driven by rich countries, genetic engineering may boost agricultural productivity but will never ensure food security.

Being a crucial issue, Nassa anticipates a protracted debate on GMOs. In this light, Nassa encourages the Filipino people to think objectively of the issue and urges the government to contribute to enlightening the people's judgment.

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Let sobriety reign

THE FORTHCOMING state visit of US President George W. Bush to our country will hopefully be a peaceful one. There are those who may not like him, but let us at least show some amount of decency and breeding in receiving a guest even if only for eight hours.

We Filipinos, are known for our hospitality. If some of us cannot offer him some amount of respect for reasons of their own, let us at least spare ourselves from causing embarrassment which would reflect on all of us as a people.

One way or another, we can derive some benefits from his visit. We are only a poor nation aspiring to alleviate the sufferings of our underprivileged and needy people. Any help from anyone would go a long way.

In like manner, how I wish that we can forget our differences for a while for the sake of our people.

I am not for stopping those anti-Bush from voicing out their protests. But they must do it in such a way that they still maintain our dignity while doing so.

Where would we be today if the Americans did not liberate this country? So many American soldiers lost their lives to defend us, together with our valiant veterans who fought against the Japanese atrocities tooth and nail, side by side with Americans. My own father was incarcerated in Fort Santiago by the Japanese.

For decades, the Filipinos and Americans lived together, fought together and died together. Even for that memory alone, let us be grateful for it and to each other.

I am not pro-American nor am I anti-American. I am pro-human beings. In my own small way, I just want to show President Bush that we are not a bunch of ingrates, that we have our own dignity to stand on.

For those who intend to rally, remember our compatriots in America who will be shamed by whatever we do against President Bush and his entourage.

Thousands of Filipino nurses, teachers and caregivers are there, trying their best to show the best image and qualities of being a Filipino. Even for them alone, let us not bring shame upon them or make things difficult for them.

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What for the protest action against Bush?

WHEN US President Bill Clinton visited the country in 1994, a Bayan leader said Clinton's visit was "a testimony to US imperialism's blessings to the regime of General Ramos and his anti-people policies like Philippines 2000." (PDI, 11/14/94) And the militant group Bayan did not even show elementary courtesy o the visiting chief of state. How disgusting it ' s for Filipinos to show disrespect to the presi nt of a powerful country that liberated us fr n the clutches of Japanese occupation in World War II.

Another visitor from that powerful nation is arriving on Oct. 18, 2003. US President George W. Bush's short visit is widely seen as a gesture of gratitude to President Macapagal-Arroyo and to the Filipino people for siding with him in the war against terrorism. President Bush is also expected to extend assistance to our poorly equipped armed forces in the fight against terrorism.

And, yet, here is the same militant group Bayan that is planning to stage a protest rally and noise barrage during Bush's eight-hour-visit. What for? What is the imperialism they are talking about? What a shame for people who have nothing to do except to embarrass the administration of President Macapagal.

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Cost-cutting measures at SSS

THIS is in response to the "The extravagant SSS," a column of Honesto General, which appeared in two parts, in the Sept. 8 and 15 issues of the INQUIRER.

In line with the austerity program of the government, the Social Security System has been implementing belt-tightening measures since 2001, as follows:

1. The employer's share in the provident fund has been reduced from 25 percent to 15 percent.
2. Christmas bonus for employees has been reduced from P40,000 to P10,000.
3. Senior officials of the SSS and members of the Social Security Commission (SSC) have voluntarily waived their discretionary allowance.
4. Housing allowance is given only to officials who have been in their new assignment for less than three years. The grant will cease at the end of the third year in assignment.
5. The P4,000 uniform allowance of senior officials and Commission members has been suspended.
6. The Christmas food allowance of P400 per employee has also been suspended.
7. Overtime services have been disallowed, except for special projects and in meritorious cases, subject to the approval of the SSS president and chief executive officer.
8. Productivity bonus for qualified employees has been slashed from one and a half months to one month basic salary.
9. Increases in salary and benefits, except those provided by law prior to the issuance of Memorandum Order No. 20 (which prohibits increase in the salaries and benefits of senior officials) and Administrative Order No. 5 (which calls for fiscal discipline such as the filling up of certain positions and the building or construction of new offices), have been suspended.

In addition, the SSS has also cut down its operating expenses for advertisement, supplies, telephone rentals and other utilities.

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Across the NATION

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6 Isabela engineers held hostage by communist rebs

SAN MARIANO, Isabela—Six workers of the provincial engineering office in Isabela were held hostage for more than six hours by suspected New People's Army (NPA) rebels on Wednesday in Barangay Minanga here.

And while government soldiers were pursuing the rebels, they accidentally unearthed a soldier's body identified as that of Pfc. Marlo Laggui of the Army's 45th Infantry Battalion at a shallow grave in Minanga Village.

Medardo Aggari, Isabela provincial engineer, identified the six workers as Nick Tabago, Roger Tolentino, Manny Cagurangan, Walter Carandang, driver Noel Esteban, all of the Isabela engineering office, and a certain engineer Domingo of the San Mariano municipal government.

Reports showed that the workers were surveying a hilly land area and securing heavy equipment in Minanga Village, which will be the site of a new provincial government hospital, at 10 a.m. Wednesday when they were seized by some 20 rebels.

The workers were released after 6 p.m. on the same day.

Aggari said the employees were all "in good health" after their more than six-hour stay with the rebels, who were believed to be members of the Filomena Asuncion Front of the NPA.

"Our men told us that the NPA rebels did not harm them," Aggari said. "They told us that there were many rebels hiding in bushes and securing the area from possible enemies."

The employees did not report the incident to the police, raising suspicions that they were asked by the rebels not to talk about it.

In Echague town, a government soldier was killed while another one was seriously wounded on Tuesday when suspected rebels ambushed a unit of the Army's Special Operations Team (SOT) in Barangay Mabbayad.

Sgt. Jaime Tumamao Jr. was killed while his companion, Pfc. William Sobrepeña, was wounded. Both were SOT members of the 502nd Infantry Brigade based in Echague town.

Capt. George Domingo, 502nd Infantry Brigade spokesperson, said the SOT members were on their way home after conducting civil-military operations in nearby villages when they encountered the rebels belonging to the NPA's Benito Tesorio Front.

Communist rebels have increased their offensives, attacking mostly government targets including police stations and Army detachments.

The military had accused the rebels of engaging in extortion, demanding revolutionary taxes from common folk. The rebels had denied preying on common folk for taxes, but had not denied they were raising money through the collection of revolutionary taxes. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Mayor hits use of medical insurance IDs for polls

By Aquiles Zonio
PDI Mindanao Bureau

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Using a noble project to boost the President's political stock?

Mayor Pedro Acharon Jr. on Wednesday walked out from the scheduled distribution of the "Philhealth Para sa Masa" identification cards in Barangay Dadiangas West here after seeing President Macapagal's photograph at the front upper right portion of the card.

Just beside the President's photograph is an acronym GMA, which means "Greater Medical Access." At the bottom portion, the slogan "GMA para sa masa, para sa lahat" was also printed.

These were just but few changes in the new "Philhealth Para sa Masa" ID card.

Acharon said the funds used for the project came from the coffers of the city government and the Macapagal administration should not use it for its early political campaign.

The mayor is supportive of the present administration, but he said he does not want a noble project to be used as a vehicle to promote the President's political ambition.

"Upon seeing GMA's picture, I told the organizers that I have to leave because I don't want that such project be used to advance one's political interest," Acharon said.

The city government is allocating P5 million budget each year for the 4,000 beneficiaries of National Health Insurance Program here.

Cops closely watching Pangasinan town over rift between 2 'mayors'

BUGALLON, Pangasinan—Police are closely watching this town where the mayor, who was suspended for a month by the Ombudsman on misconduct charge, tried to open his office thrice. The office had been padlocked by the acting mayor.

Provincial officer Melba Bravo of the Department of Interior and Local Government said Mayor Benjamin Jose, who was suspended starting Sept. 18 for simple misconduct, reportedly continued performing the duties of mayor. He even solemnized a wedding on Sept. 28, the INQUIRER learned.

"We heard reports that the situation in the town was tense, so we came here to avert any untoward incident," Bravo, who came to the town with Supt. Alfredo Vinluan, provincial police deputy director.

They had wanted to talk with Jose but could not reached him.

"The suspension is just for a month, so we ask Mayor Jose to respect it," Bravo said.

However, some staffers said Jose "merely comes for a visit and does not sign documents."

After the third removal of the padlock, acting Mayor Ernesto Mata asked the police to again "temporarily padlock the office of the mayor with appeal to arrest and jail any person caught removing the padlock."

He said removal of the lock was "tantamount to pure and simple disregard of the rule of law (and) hinders and disrupts operations in the town."

The deputy Ombudsman of Luzon suspended Jose, three councilors and three other officials for one month without pay for simple misconduct after they "tried to accommodate a favored contractor."

The complaint against Jose was filed by contractor Bella Kim who claimed that Jose changed the resolution of the Pre Bids and Awards Committee awarding a concrete-paving project to her construction firm.

"Jose abused his authority and committed misconduct in office (when he) influenced the PBAC members to sign the resolution awarding the project to a choice contractor, Geometric Construction, even though its bid was way beyond the total cost," Kim said in her complaint.

Geometric Construction's bid was P10,999,722.57 while Kim's BMK Construction's bid was P7,001,951.52.

Jose said BMK's bid was a "non-complying bid" because its bid bond had no specified validity date.

But Kim said the mayor only wanted to accommodate a favored contractor.

Jose and the officials countered that Kim's allegations were "purely hearsay and fraught with falsities and made in her innate desire to have him suspended because her (Kim) brother is the incumbent vice mayor."

The Ombudsman ruled that there was "no sufficient evidence presented to show that there was element of corruption or clear intent to violate the law or established rule, and that the officials were liable for simple misconduct only." *Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Role of mayor in polls for Palawan gov seen key

A THREE-cornered contest for the governorship of Palawan looms large.

Incumbent Gov. Joel Reyes, who is seeking reelection for a second term, is expected to be challenged by Rep. Vicente "Brown" Sandoval who is on his last term as congressman and former Natural Resources Minister Teodoro Peña.

Political quarters believe Reyes will not have a smooth and easy reelection bid with his opponents already gearing up this early for the 2004 elections. While Reyes enjoys the powers of a sitting governor, his opponents wield considerable influence and political support from their respective bailiwicks.

Among others, Reyes faces a tough fight unless he secures the support or neutralizes the political clout and following of Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn.

Hagedorn will play a pivotal role in the coming elections after a successful recall election this year. Hagedorn was able to wrest back the mayoral post and got his running mate Vice Mayor Cecilio Bayron into office by winning an election protest against the ousted vice mayor Dong Batul.

Puerto Princesa accounts for more than 20 percent of votes in the province. Hagedorn's support is thus crucial.

The Hagedorn machinery has helped vice governor Dave Ponce de Leon, Rep. Baham Mitra and six out of eight mayors from the south and seven out of 15 mayors in the north in the 2002 elections.

This machinery is intact and is being primed already.

Sandoval, who comes from the North, is a strong contender having been elected thrice as congressman and who is known to have considerable financial and political clout.

Sandoval enjoys the distinction of being one of the few father and son members in the House of Representatives. His son, Rep. Ricky Sandoval, represents the lone district of Malabon-Navotas.

On the other hand, Peña looms as a dark horse who can wrest the governorship plum from Reyes and deny Sandoval a last hurrah into elected office.

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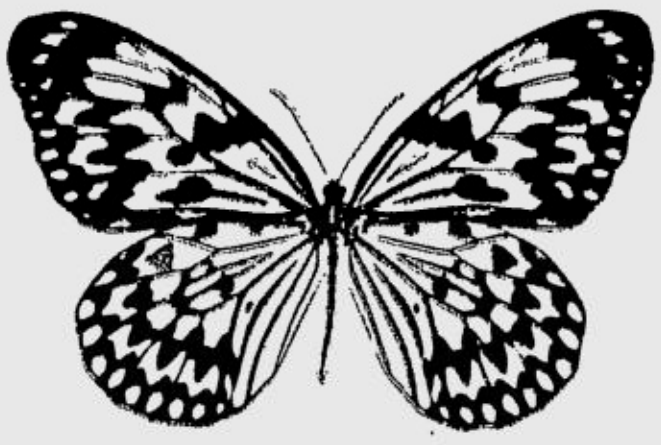
Extinction haunts Cebu's butterflies



THE KAWASAN Paper Kite butterfly
FRANZ SEIDENSCHWARZ/UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS

By Juan L. Mercado
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THE SPOTTED wings, tinged in intense yellow, shimmer in the sunlight as the butterfly "glides like a kite," as admiring scientists say, in the only places worldwide where they exist today: three towns of southern Cebu.

Meet the "Kawasan Paper Kite."

Scientific journals list this butterfly as *Idea leucone jumaloni*. The tongue-twister honors the discoverer, the late Cebuano scientist Dr. Julian Jumalon.

A faculty member of University of San Carlos' (USC) Biology Department, Jumalon stumbled upon the butterfly flitting in three places—the Kawasan Waterfalls in Badian town, along the Tapon River and forest patches of Dalaguete town, and the Nugas forests in Alcoy town.

"The Cebu subspecies of the tree nymph is surely the most beautiful and colorful one," Dr. Franz Seidenschwarz of the USC says. "It has an intense yellow tint. In contrast, the Sibutu subspecies—the smallest one in the Philippines—doesn't have the yellow tints we find in Cebu."

A brilliant lepidopterist, Jumalon recognized that the rare butterfly formed a unique subspecies of the "Tree Nymph," found in other Philippine provinces. But he hasn't drawn up the scientific description before he died.

The university entered the Jumalon find in its listing of entomological collections. Thus, the "Kawasan Paper Kite" dallied for some time under the non-committal scientific classification *Nomen nudam*, that is, "without description."

Accidental find

There it gathered dust, until Seidenschwarz heard of the Jumalon discovery by word-of-mouth. No Jumalon notes were ever found.

This "accidental" find came as Seidenschwarz, a former University of Munich lecturer, scoured for data on the biology and habitat needs of endangered Cebu butterfly species.

GLAIZA Marie Pros and Charisse Lumongo, students of the University of San Carlos, take a closer look at the Kawasan Paper Kite. The students belong to the Nature Park Volunteers.
FRANZ SEIDENSCHWARZ/UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS

Seidenschwarz and other USC researchers are building survival habitats for insects and plants endemic or native and found only in Cebu. For instance, they have found that the endangered Kawasan Paper Kite feeds on the equally endangered vine *Parsonsia*. They are, therefore, working to see the vine is grown in alternate survival habitats.

Seidenschwarz, meanwhile, contacted the world authority on Philippine butterflies, Dr. Colin Treadaway, a Canadian who has worked out of the Senckenberg Institute in Germany since the early 1950s.

"Treadaway's Frankfurt home is full of Philippine butterflies," Seidenschwarz recalls. "He produced the checklist on the islands' butterflies. And he finally described the Kawasan Paper Kite scientifically, naming it after the Cebuano lepidopterist.

The USC studies underpin efforts to conserve unique and endangered species that are endemic to Cebu, within the university's Nature Park on its sprawling campus in Barangay Talamban in Cebu City.

Other species

The conservation attempts go beyond butterflies. Growing now within the park, for example, are saplings of the endangered Cebu cinnamon. This tree grows nowhere else in the world but only in Cebu. It was discovered by USC researchers on the island's remaining forest patches.

Also growing in the park are increasingly scarce native species, like the *tindalo* (*Afzelia rhomobo-dia*), *palo de hierro* (*Metrosiderosa vera rump*) and *kamagong* (*Diaspyras philipp-pensis*).

Cebu's ecosystems have been ravaged by official blindness, which limits vision to the next elections. The population doubles in just under 35 years. And massive poverty relentlessly exploits resources.

Nonetheless, researchers still stumble upon "new finds" that hint at how rich Cebu's natural resource base used to be.

The USC biologists, for example, counted no less than 360 medicinal plants growing on the island. Yet, not a single one in this rich pharmaceutical trove has been systematically studied. Despite a growing herbal medical industry, which imports herbals from India, not a plant has been tapped commercially.

There is one significant exception though—marijuana—and it is a big business.

The spotted deer and warty pig have long been hunted to the ground. A few specimens are kept in the zoos of San Diego, California and in Silliman University in Negros Oriental.

Bird watching

The USC scientists have since reported spotting birds, once thought extinct, in Cebu's remaining forest patches: the dark-throated oriole, Cebu flower-pecker (*Dicaceum quadricolor*) and the black shama (*siloy*).

But they are now few and far between. "I haven't seen yet a *siloy*," columnist Roy Lu wrote of a new bird sanctuary in Cebu. "Worse, I have seen other birds that will never sing again ... the *tukmo*, the *kukuk*, the cardinal."

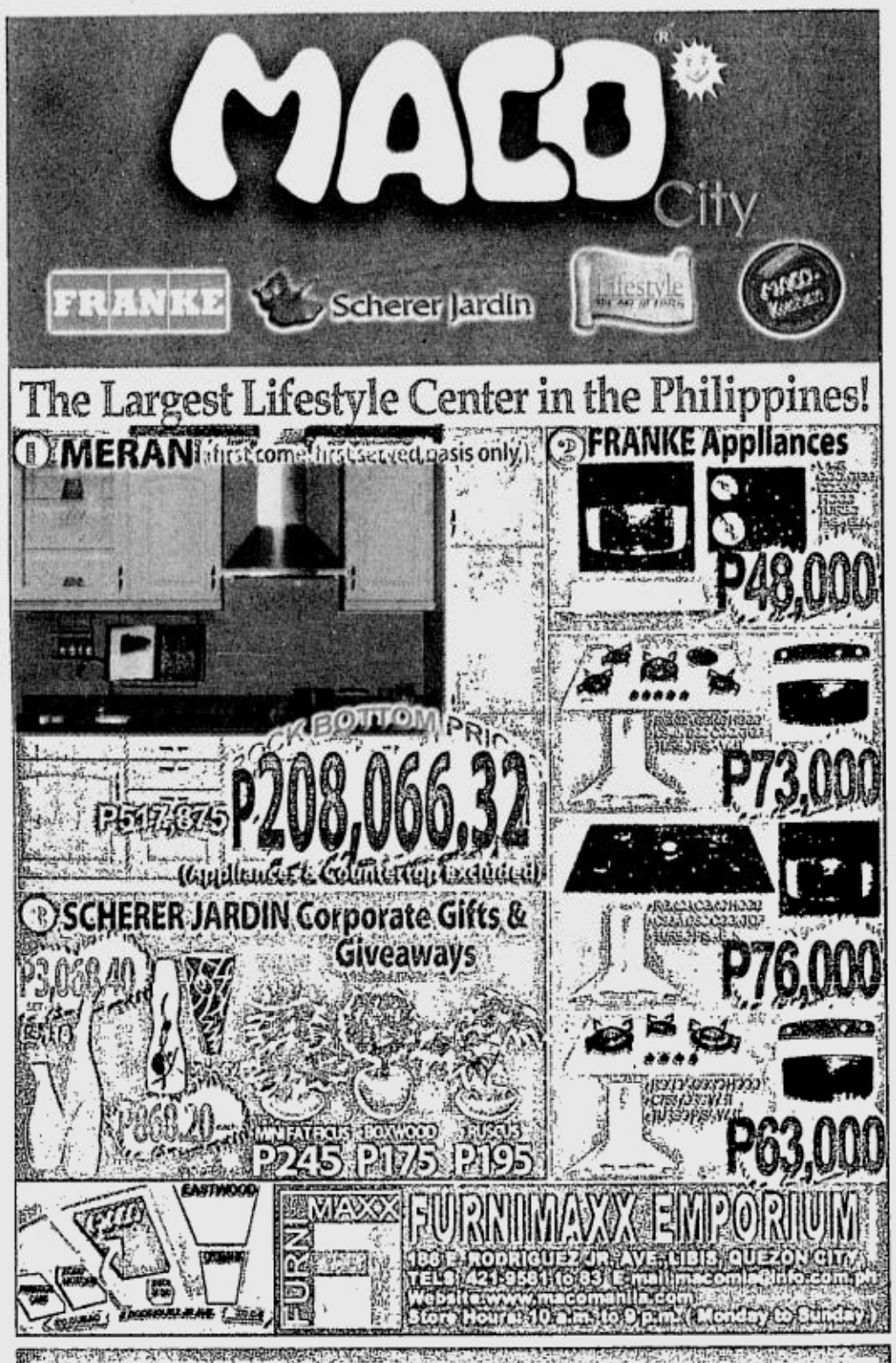
In the course of their butterfly research, Seidenschwarz and his team have pinpointed 36 endangered Cebu species, including the Kawasan Paper Kite.

Fr. Roderick Salazar, USC president, has announced that the Nature Park will have a butterfly sanctuary as a prime component. The Kawasan Paper Kite is a prime conservation target.

No bird, butterfly, flower, tree or animal disappears alone, Dr. Norman Meyer of Oxford University cautions. When they slip into extinction, they disappear with their unique genes—the building blocks of life.

Genes were spliced into miracle rice, high-yielding corn or medicines. Their loss is irreversible genetic forfeiture that closes off options for future generations.

Extinction is forever.



A song and friendship in wartime Biliran

VINTAGE VIEW

Rolando O. Borrinaga

THEY had never kissed at all. And "Besame Mucho" (Kiss Me a Lot), a Spanish folk song with a lively melody but strange lyrics, was one song that she could not finish singing without the help of a song sheet.

Yet, this foreign song formed the affectionate bond of friendship that helped two virtual enemies survive a cruel war.

The national enemy was Private Kennosuke Nakajima, a Japanese radio operator assigned with the 10th Company, 9th Infantry Regiment of the Japanese Imperial Army that was stationed at Biliran town on Biliran Island during World War II in 1944.

He was the only Japanese soldier in his company to survive the Battle of Leyte after the return of Allied Forces led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in October 1944.

Nakajima's virtual local enemy was named "Elsa." Details of his pre-October 1944 friendship with her dots the pages of his two books of memoirs published in the late 1980s.

In the first book titled "Leyte Island: Wandering Between Life and Death," published in 1987, Nakajima described "Elsa" as follows:

"She was 17 years old. She was not as beautiful as the mayor's daughters, but she was also beautiful. Her house was located at the edge of the town. She was living with her parents.

"Elsa's father was a farmer. He was almost always out to work on his farm. I usually went to their house on the pretext of learning the Visayan language from their daughter.

"Elsa did the housework together with her mother. Sometimes she would be reading a book by the window ... She liked to sing. She could sing some Spanish songs; her voice was beautiful. I did not know anything about Elsa's songs. But I really liked to see her singing.

"Elsa's father was a calm middle-aged farmer. He loved to receive the cigarettes that I gave him when he was home during my visits. When I asked him if he liked the cigarettes, he usually smelled it first and would say, "This is (sic) nice cigarettes." Then he would start smoking.

"Elsa"

It took me at least five years before I learned who "Elsa" was.

The final clue came from the translation of the Biliran portion of Nakajima's second book of memoirs titled "Leyte's Songs for the Dead," published in 1988.

Nakajima described a meeting with "Elsa" in Biliran 1976, after he and his team retrieved the remains of a Japanese pilot buried behind the school building in nearby Naval town.

"Elsa" turned out to be Francisca Laurente-Chan. A mother of eight—six daughters and two sons—she is now a widow in her late 70s. Four of her daughters are in the United States. A son is in Canada. Two daughters are in Cebu and the other son is the present vice governor of Biliran.

'Pro-mining' tribal leaders losing positions

LUPON, Davao Oriental—Pro-mining Mandaya tribal leaders in the province are being removed from their tribe and this has alarmed multinational mining companies here.

Mandaya tribal leader Danilo Tucona is being removed from his post due to his all-out support for the proposed mining projects inside their ancestral land in Barangays Calapagan and Marayag.

The tribe members said they no longer want a repeat of the mining disaster that buried and killed at least a hundred people living in low-lying village of Marayag in 1986.

In the capital town of Mati, tribal leader Rufino Mapinogos is also in danger of losing his post for his pro-mining stance.

Mining firms have pointed to non-government organizations as the ones allegedly initiating the ouster of several pro-mining tribal leaders here.

"It's the handiwork of anti-mining NGOs. They have succeeded in removing legitimate tribal leaders in the province from their posts. But what is alarming is that it is being tolerated by the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)," said Edgar Martinez, president of the Mindanao Association for Mineral Industries Inc. (Mina).

Mina also admitted that the mining sector is losing in its fight with the so-called antimining NGOs especially in media propaganda.

"Misinformation by these irresponsible NGOs has denied the Philippines a greater share of the global expenditure on mineral exploration projected at around $2 billion a year. We have all seen and suffered from the results—loss of investor confidence, lack of greater development and higher levels of poverty. The contribution by these NGOs has been nothing short of economic sabotage," Martinez said.

Antimining advocates in the country have stepped up their campaign against mining, urging the government to scrap the existing legal framework that governs mining activities in the country. They said mineral extraction in the country has wrought only harm to the people and environment and that it benefited only few at the expense of the poor. *Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

LP says it's expanding; swears in new members

THE LIBERAL Party continues to expand and strengthen its ranks nationwide, successfully recruiting four mayors, nine vice mayors, five board members, 29 councilors and 14 barangay captains into the party.

In a statement, the LP said the new party members include Mayors Domingo Franque Jr. of Caluya town; Sotera Tamayo, Piblao; Plaridel Sanchez, Pandan; Fernando Corvera, San Jose; Vice Mayors Ronnie Molina of San Jose; former vice mayor Roderick Javier of Tablas; Arthur Vionela, Pandan; Alejandre Mejia, San Remigio.

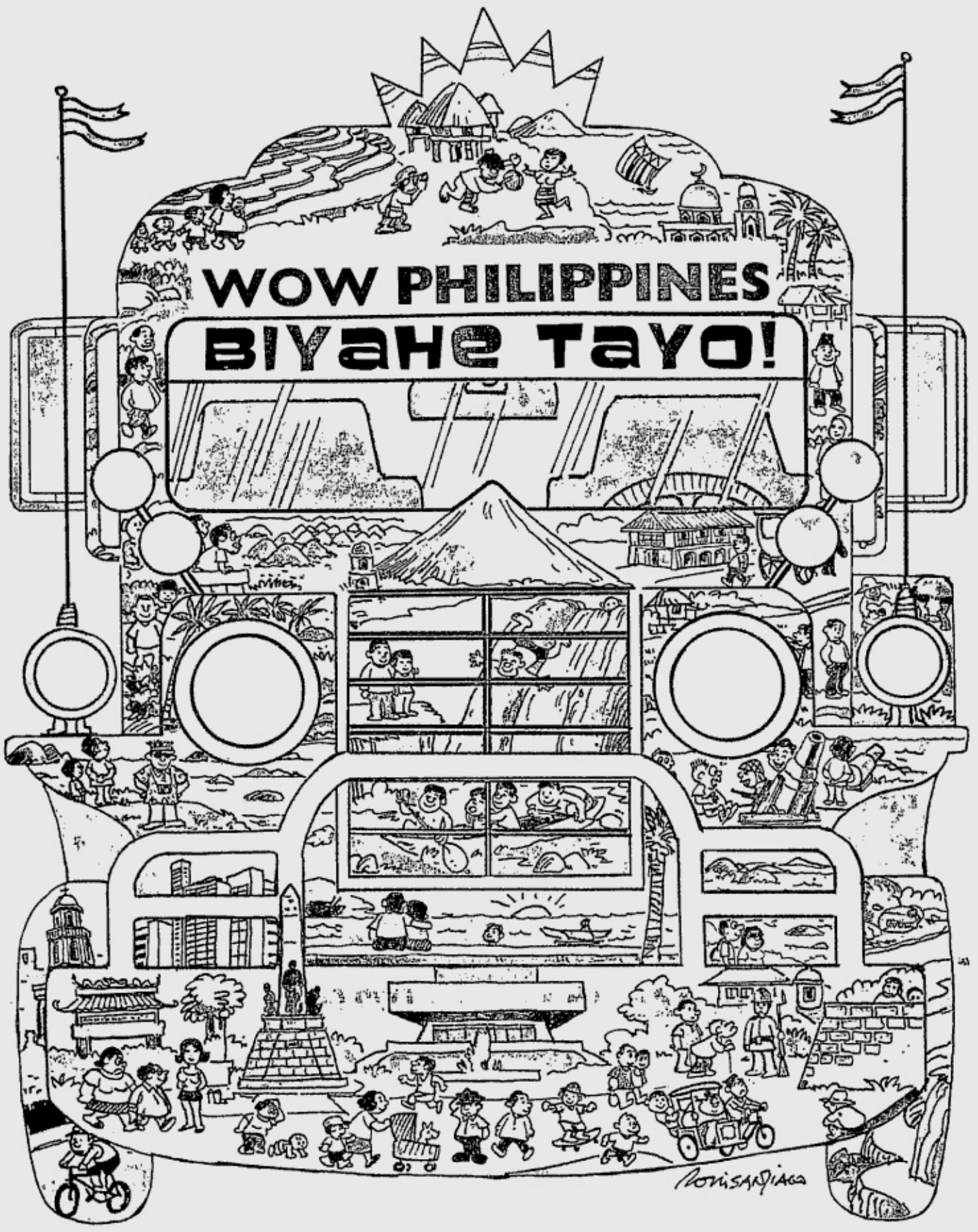
The new party members took their oaths of office yesterday before LP president and Batanes Rep. Butch Abad, LP executive vice president and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, LP Antique chair and governor Sally Zaldivar and other LP officials.

The LP is one of the oldest political parties in the country and was the party of the late President Diosdado Macapagal, President Macapagal-Arroyo's father.

"We believe that you would be an asset to the party," Abad told the new LP members.

Atienza was quoted as saying "morale is at an all-time high and our members remain staunchly committed to the party's principles."

In a speech before the new members, Atienza said "the most correct path to national development is the strengthening and empowerment of local governments."



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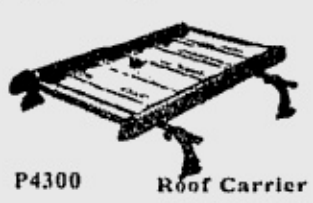
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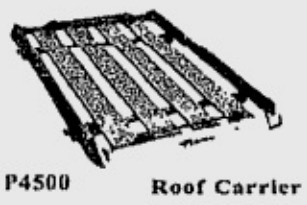
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Welcome Statement of Filipino Muslim Leaders on the State Visit of H.E. President George W. Bush To the Philippines

October 18, 2003

Asalamu Alaikum!

The Filipino Muslim community joins the rest of the Filipino nation in warmly welcoming Your Excellency President George W. Bush on your State Visit to the Philippines.

Your being here underscores the strong partnership between the Philippines and the United States which has been reinvigorated in our common pursuit of peace and development.

This is most especially valuable to Filipino Muslims, most of whom live in the poorest and conflict-ridden areas of Mindanao.

Dividends to peace have been demonstrated by the success of initiatives sponsored by the US Agency for International Development such as Livelihood Enhancement and Peace Program (LEAP), Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) and the Microenterprise Access to Banking Services in Mindanao (MABS-M).

They have brought much hope and opportunity for former Muslim combatants who seek a fresh beginning as they reintegrate themselves into the mainstream of our democratic society under the rule of law. These programs have catalyzed entrepreneurship and economic growth in Mindanao in a way that would benefit as many of Mindanao's 20 million people as possible.

These will be the foundation for the transformation of Mindanao from an island of strife and despair into an island where enduring peace reigns and where there is ample opportunity for everyone to lead a life of dignity with freedom from want. It is our hope that these peace dividends will similarly transform Muslim Mindanao.

The Filipino Muslim community wishes to express its deep appreciation for America's staunch support for President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's vigorous peace- building and development efforts in Mindanao. We likewise wish to thank you for your solidarity with our community's aspirations.

Indeed, our shared values of adherence to freedom and respect for the individual prove that Islam is compatible with democracy and human rights.

Mabuhay President George W. Bush!

Signed by:

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'World-class security plan' in place

OVER 10,000 police officers have been deployed in the National Capital Region to secure US President George W. Bush, even as New People's Army rebels denied they were out to assassinate the US leader.

"Security preparations for the visit are very tight and there should be no reason for undue alarm," President Macapagal-Arroyo said in a statement.

Philippine National Police chief Hermogenes Ebdane said his office had organized "Task Force Dubya" to secure Bush and maintain peace in the area.

"Overall, we have earmarked 11,044 officers and personnel for this purpose and I believe that we are prepared for the activity," Ebdane said.

A separate military task force was also in place to meet security threats, Armed Forces officials said.

"A world-class security plan has been set in place, which the US security people have found very satisfactory," National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said, referring to the US Secret Service which drew up the security plans with the Presidential Security Group.

"We are confident that the country and the law enforcement agencies will make sure that President Bush will be safe and we are confident that the security measures are all in place and we are prepared to meet contingencies," added Interior Secretary Jose Lina.

"We consider more the mass actions that will be held before and during the visit as our priority concern, and for other potential threats, the intelligence community is continuously monitoring," Ebdane said.

US-trained Filipino security personnel would be assisting the US Secret Service, which would make the lead decisions on the ground, he said.

Earlier yesterday, NPA spokesperson Gregorio Rosal pledged that the Communist Party of the Philippines and the NPA would not mount an assassination attempt on the US leader.

"If you are asking if we will mount a military action, after the military and the police warned that an NPA team will assassinate George Bush, that is not among our plans today, tomorrow or in the coming days," Rosal said over dzBB radio.

"It is true that George Bush is our enemy, but that step is not among the protest actions that we are eyeing," said Rosal.

Rosal urged Filipinos to join street protests against the "imperialist United States" and its "puppet," Ms Macapagal.

Leftists, student organizations and other militant anti-US groups have vowed to hold huge protests today, to include the burning of American flags and effigies of both presidents.

Interior Secretary Lina urged militants to carry out their protests peacefully and not to burn US flags, saying it is "not a good way of expressing resentment or disagreement with policies of other countries."

Maj. Restituto Padilla, Air Force spokesperson, said three S-76 Sikorsky helicopters will be placed on standby today—one at Camp Aguinaldo and two at Villamor Air Base in Pasay City—for rescue operations.

At least two other Huey helicopters are ready for any contingency, he added.

On the request of the Presidential Security Group, the Air Force is also placing on standby five Bell-412 helicopters in case the need arises to transport "VIPs" from the official party of Mr. Bush, Padilla said.

"Should there be a request for air transport, we are ready to complement them (US air assets)," he said in a phone interview. *With reports from TJ Burgonio and Jerome Aning; AFP*

Activist-lawmakers promise to behave

By Cynthia D. Balana

ACTIVIST-lawmakers yesterday promised to behave during the address of US President George W. Bush to the joint session of Congress today.

The assurance was made by House Deputy Secretary General for Operations Artemio Adasa, chair of Task Force Batasan, which is in charge of preparations for the Bush address.

Adasa told reporters at a briefing that even the staunchly anti-US Sanlakas Rep. JV Bautista had promised not to make a scene that would embarrass the House leadership.

He said the same assurance was given by other party-list representatives—Loretta Ann Rosales of Akbayan and Crispin Beltran of Bayan Muna.

But a statement from Beltran's office said he and Bayan Muna's two other representatives, Satur Ocampo and Lisa Maza, would stay in the House plenary hall long enough to distribute peace ribbons to other congressmen as a sign of protest against the US global war policy, and to convince them to just go home if they did not want to join the protest rallies.

According to the statement, the three Bayan Muna lawmakers would leave before the Bush address to join the protesters in the streets.

"Now is the time for the country's leaders to show their patriotism and love for genuine freedom and democracy," Beltran said, adding:

"By welcoming Bush with this shocking display of pomp and pageantry, even as the majority of Filipinos starve and die of poverty, President Macapagal-Arroyo deserves nothing but the sharpest condemnation."

For her part, Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos said she would fast for two days beginning yesterday as a silent protest against the Bush administration's war policy.

Marcos, eldest child of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, agreed that it would be rude to embarrass a guest of Bush's stature by hurling invectives and disrupting his speech.

"We don't treat our guests that way; it's very un-Filipino," she said.

Marcos also said the government would not be able to present two "gifts" to Bush because the two chambers of Congress lacked the time to approve them.

These are the bills concerning anti-terrorism and optical media piracy, which the Bush administration had sought through US Secretary Colin Powell.

'Silent operator' oversees Bush security

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her third PSG chief after she was catapulted to the presidency in 2001.

Undersecretary Bobby Capco, who also worked with Ms Macapagal when she was Vice President, said Bangit had proven his mettle as an Army officer sent to fight communist rebels in the Bicol region at the height of the insurgency in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Deep trust

"Ma'am likes him because he is very professional and unassuming," deputy presidential chief of staff Rene Velasco said.

Bangit's mistahs said Bangit has extensive experience in intelligence work.

"He is the silent type, a silent operator who works hard. He does not like media fanfare and would rather be a workhorse," Police Senior Supt. Romulo Maningding, Maritime Group officer for Metro Manila, said.

Maningding said Bangit's promotion to PSG chief was a reflection of the President's deep trust in him.

He said the hard-working Bangit "clicked" with the workaholic Ms Macapagal who makes frequent out-of-town trips and even attends unscheduled events.

"He is a low-key guy. He's not the type to hog the limelight. He prefers to work behind the scenes and he is a very humble fellow. He can be very funny but he is very serious with his job," said another classmate, Col. Charlie Holganza, chief of the Anti-Smuggling Intelligence and Investigation Center of the Office of the President.

Causing trouble

As chief of the National Capital Region Police Office, Velasco is in charge of making sure that no protester would cause Bush any trouble.

Velasco yesterday inspected the route of the Bush delegation, from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Parañaque to the Luneta and Malacañang in Manila and the Batasan Complex in Quezon City, to check on security measures the Philippine National Police had prepared over more than two weeks.

He will return to these areas this morning to give final instructions to the 6,500 policemen he has deployed for the high-profile visit.

"That's how he works," said an anti-riot policeman. "He's very concerned even with the most minute detail. He wants everything ironed out."

Where action is

His staff said they expected Velasco to be at the airport, then at the Rizal monument, after that at Mendiola, and then at the Batasan.

"I'll be where the action is," he said yesterday. "That means I'll be everywhere."

No one knows yet how Velasco would deal with protesters, some of whom had predicted a bloody confrontation with the police. On Thursday, his office warned that no group would be allowed to go beyond Ever Gotesco in Commonwealth when Bush addresses a joint session of Congress.

The outcome of today's massive protest actions, Velasco said, would depend on how militant groups behave. "They behave, we behave."

In case of misbehavior, hundreds of members of the PNP Civil Disturbance Management Unit, backed by more than 4,000 soldiers and Metro Manila Development Authority personnel, will jump into action.

"Policemen will not start anything," Velasco said. "They are instructed to be always on the defensive but when protesters become unruly, they have to react."

Video of protesters

If that happens, anti-riot policemen would finally put to use their newly purchased helmets, vests, shields and truncheons.

To ensure that cops won't start the trouble, Velasco said he would deploy several policemen whose job will simply be to take video footage of rallies scheduled at the Naia, Batasan Complex, Luneta and Mendiola.

"Police are always blamed whenever there are clashes with rallyists," he said. "With the video cameras, we will be able to show that protesters sometimes start the fight."

No matter how prepared he and his men are, Velasco said the Bush visit would be successful from a security officer's point of view only with the public's support.

"The whole world will be watching us," he said "This is the time when we have to show unity."

Toxic victims' cry: 'Help us, Mr. Bush'

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According to Greenpeace and the People's Task Force for Bases Clean-up, Jenny, Kevin and Marites are just three of the more than 2,000 men, women and children who, medical and environmental examinations have proven, suffer severe heart and nervous system disorders due to the toxic waste left behind by the Americans in Clark and the former Subic Naval Base in Zambales.

Dr. Romy Quijano, who teaches at the University of the Philippines College of Pharmacology and one of the movers behind Heal Toxics (a coalition for the toxic waste victims), says there is a strong relationship between the toxic wastes left in the former US bases and the victims' illnesses and eventual deaths.

Jenny

Jenny had a stroke when she was 9, an event related to her congenital heart disease. Doctors at the local hospital in Mabalacat and the Philippine General Hospital agree that there's a link between her heart condition and the contaminated water inside Clark Field.

"I hope the Americans help us. We, the children, need their help badly," Jenny, speaking in Filipino, told the INQUIRER on the eve of US President George W. Bush's state visit to the Philippines.

Marites, whose younger sister also developed a nervous system disorder after being exposed to toxin-laced water in Clark, was teary-eyed as she made her appeal: "I ask President Macapagal-Arroyo to tell President Bush about our problems. I ask them both to pity us."

Stroke

Jenny was in school when she suffered a stroke in October 2001.

"There was numbness in my arms; they were heavy," Jenny said. "My head hurt a lot."

It was the day after the Luzon-wide blackout of Sept. 30, 2001, her mother, Cecilia, recounted. "It was quite hot that night, and we were fanning her the whole evening."

"The following day, she collapsed in school. Her teachers thought she was already dead," Cecilia said.

Jenny sweats profusely, suffers from severe headaches and has difficulty breathing whenever the heat and humidity become unbearable.

"At times, I even throw up," she said.

During the interview yesterday, Jenny kept mopping beads of sweat that formed on her brow even though an electric fan was already turned full blast toward her direction.

Her doctors said she was supposed to have follow-up examinations every six months, but the last time the girl had an extensive examination was in January 2002. Her family could not afford the expense of a regular checkup.

Jenny undergoes physical therapy twice a week under volunteer therapist Corazon de Jesus at the Madapdap Resettlement Community. Jenny's nerves have become hypersensitive and they are extremely painful whenever De Jesus massages her limbs.

"She couldn't move her limbs after the stroke. The therapy did her well and she can now move on her own," said De Jesus, who attends to many other cases of nervous system disorders caused by the toxic waste in the former US air base.

"If she stops therapy, her nerves would retract and she may be paralyzed," De Jesus said.

Family tragedy

Marites, on the other hand, had previously lost a newborn baby to central nervous system disorder before she had Kevin.

She and her family used to live in Bacolor town but were among those displaced by the Mt. Pinatubo eruption. They transferred from one evacuation site to another until they eventually settled at the Cabcom inside Clark Field in 1996.

Marites said her baby died almost immediately after birth because of the effects of the toxins inside her body.

"My doctor told me not to have another baby because it would suffer the same disorder. I didn't listen. In 1997, I gave birth to Kevin. True enough, he developed problems in his nervous system," she said.

Marites said the boy's doctors told her there was still hope that his brain could be saved from total mental retardation and that his body coordination could be corrected with therapy.

"There is still hope that he would be able to go to school," she said.

But without therapy, she said, "he would become a vegetable."

Marites now also has to take care of her sister Rona.

Rona used to baby-sit Marites' three older children in Cabcom in 1996. Less than a year later, Rona began exhibiting signs of nervous system breakdown after she was exposed to the toxin-laced water in the area.

Now 24, Rona is almost paralyzed and could not speak.

Like other toxic waste victims, Marites and Jenny want the US government to compensate them, help them with their medical expenses and clean up the affected areas in Clark and Subic.

That, they say, would be Bush's best gift to them.

Storm of protests set to sound of music

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The collection, or parts of it, was to be played at last night's anti-US vigil concert at the University of the Philippines in Quezon City. It will again be played at a rally this afternoon on Commonwealth Avenue, also in Quezon City, according to Ruth Cervantes, Kodao director for radio.

But it is highly unlikely that Bush will hear it.

Wide distance

The Philippine National Police will maintain so wide a distance between Bush and protesting groups that he may not even get a glimpse of them, according to PNP chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr.

"Better if they won't see him and he won't see them as well," Ebdane told reporters at a press conference yesterday.

Ebdane—who met earlier in the day with his top men, including Metro Manila police chief Reynaldo Velasco and PNP intelligence chief Arturo Lomibao, to give final instructions for today's activities—said all was quiet in the intelligence community regarding possible terror attacks or assassination or destabilization plots.

To ensure smooth sailing for the visit, a total of 11,044 policemen and soldiers will provide perimeter security from the time Bush arrives at noon until he leaves tonight, Ebdane said.

The perimeter guards will be backed by policemen from the Ilocos, Cagayan, Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog and members of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

Velasco said protesters would not be allowed to march beyond the Ever Gotesco mall on Commonwealth, or anywhere near the Chino Roces Bridge going to Malacañang.

'Calibrated' response

Ebdane said protesters would meet with a "calibrated" response from the PNP: "If they use guns, then they could be fired at, but if it will be a normal demonstration, we will make do with shields."

Aside from shields, anti-riot police will be armed with water cannons, as well as newly purchased helmets and vests.

Ebdane said the PNP had rubber bullets but these would not be used against demonstrators.

As for the protesters' avowed plan to burn 100 US flags, he said he would leave the matter to ground commanders.

At the same press conference, Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr. appealed for sobriety.

"We may disagree with the policies of other countries, but the burning of flags is not a good way of expressing our resentment," he said. "The policies can change from time to time but the dignity of other people should always be respected. The dignity is represented by their own flag."

Luzon

Despite the restrictions, militant groups are ready.

The Bagong Alyansang Makabayan alone has pledged to assemble 20,000 warm bodies from Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog, and Metro Manila for the protest activities that include the burning of effigies of Bush and President Macapagal-Arroyo at the Batasan Pambansa grounds and of 100 American flags during a torch parade at the Chino Roces bridge tonight.

The Kilusang Mayo Uno said it would try to get "a glimpse" of the state visitor and his host despite the government's "no permit, no rally" policy.

"The government-produced variety show dubbed as 'Barrio Fiesta' in Malacañang and the Batasan will be stormed with protests from all patriotic sectors... We will assert our way to the Batasan and Mendiola to get a glimpse of them," the militant labor alliance said in a statement.

KMU chair Elmer Labog appealed to the PNP not to hurt the protesters: "We are armed only with our placards and principles. They must not use force against us."

In another statement, Fernando Hicap, national chair of the fisherfolk group Pamalakaya, said it wanted "a clear message" to be "delivered right at the doorsteps of Malacanang and the White House."

"We will display a higher level of protest [that Bush] will not forget for a lifetime," Hicap said.

Checkpoints

Despite police checkpoints in Olongapo City, protesters from Zambales managed to get to Pampanga and Manila for the mass actions.

Some 60 members of the Aeta groups Indigenous People's Sector and Lakas-Alyansa ng Katutubong Ayta ng Sambales hired two private vans to reach Clark in Pampanga.

About 40 members of the Kilusan para sa Pambansang Demokrasya (KPD), also left Olongapo for the protest sites on board a private van.

Police did not stop them despite a directive from Chief Supt. Vidal Querol, Central Luzon police director, to prevent any group from holding protest actions.

On full alert since Tuesday, police said they did not consider these groups as security threats.

About 4,000 Bayan members reached Angeles City at 4 p.m, passing checkpoints en route to Clark. At least 67 Bayan members in Zambales were blocked at the checkpoints, said Bayan-Central Luzon chair Roman Polintan.

Busloads

He said a busload of activists from Tarlac managed to slip past and reached Magalang, Pampanga.

Also in Angeles, policemen in plainclothes arrested and detained 10 workers putting up posters Thursday night.

Crispin Tandog of the Workers Alliance in Central Luzon said the workers were held for an hour and then released on the intercession of local councilors.

In Bulacan, some 1,000 protesters started to move toward Clark to join other protesters in Central Luzon.

Fr. Eti Ignacio, Bayan chair in Bulacan, said protesters from Tarlac, Zambales, Nueva Ecija, Bataan, Bulacan and Pampanga would hold a separate vigil in Clark.

Sorsogon

In Sorsogon City, protesters will hold a rally at the Capitol.

This is in solidarity with "the move of the Filipino people to avenge themselves of the crimes of the imperialist United States since it invaded the country in 1898, killing more than 600,000 Filipinos," Ernesto Escolano of the human rights group Karapatan said in a statement.

Eastern Visayas

Militant groups in Eastern Visayas will hold a three-day protest action that kicks off today and ends on the 59th anniversary of the Leyte Gulf Landing on Oct. 20.

About 500 students and peasant groups are to march on the streets of Ormoc City, said Melvin Anino, Bayan secretary general for Eastern Visayas.

He said the consequences of the Bush visit would be discussed in a Bayan-initiated forum in Catarman, Northern Samar, and on Sunday, about 1,500 protesters will hold a rally in Catbalogan.

In Cebu, the rally is expected to draw about 4,000 protesters coming from three assembly points in the cities of Talisay, Mandaue and Cebu.

Thousands of protesters are also expected to join rallies in Iloilo City and Roxas City in Capiz.

Church groups belonging to the Inter-Faith Network will spearhead a "prayer chain" at the St. Clement's Retreat House chapel, where they will take turns praying from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

'Great disservice'

But in Bacolod City, Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, co-chair of the Bush visit committee, said protesters would be doing a "great disservice."

He said the visit was a vote of confidence for the Philippines and its capability to handle security for the world's powerful man.

"The visit will highlight the fact that we are allies with the United States ... If we continue to be allies, perhaps we can get more trade because we do not want aid, we want trade," he said. *Reports from Volt Contreras, Christian Esguerra, and Martin Marfil in Manila; Allan Macatuno, Tonette Orejas and Carmela Reyes, PDI C. Luzon Desk; Emir E. Gamis, PDI S. Luzon Bureau; Carla Gomez, Joey Gabieta, Nestor Burgos Jr. and Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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GMA: Rousing welcome

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has changed: "The Americans need us now more than ever. The Americans need a strong and loyal ally in a sea of practically Islamic nations. We are the only non-Islamic country in Southeast Asia."

If there was an ally that America could identify with, "it is us," he added.

Agence France Presse quoted The New York Times as reporting that Bush's lightning tour of Asia was made so short largely because of security concerns.

Heated

An unnamed senior official told the newspaper that a dispute with the Secret Service—in charge of Bush's personal safety—over traveling to Bali got so heated "that the whole thing had to end up in the Oval Office, with the president declaring that we are going."

Fears of a potential terror threat grew following the August arrest of Indonesian militant Hambali, believed to be the point man in Asia for Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, as well as the operations chief of the regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah.

Bush's Asian tour comes at a time of increasing scrutiny of his administration's policies in the region—with some critics claiming that his consuming battle against terrorism had overshadowed other crucial US interests in the region.

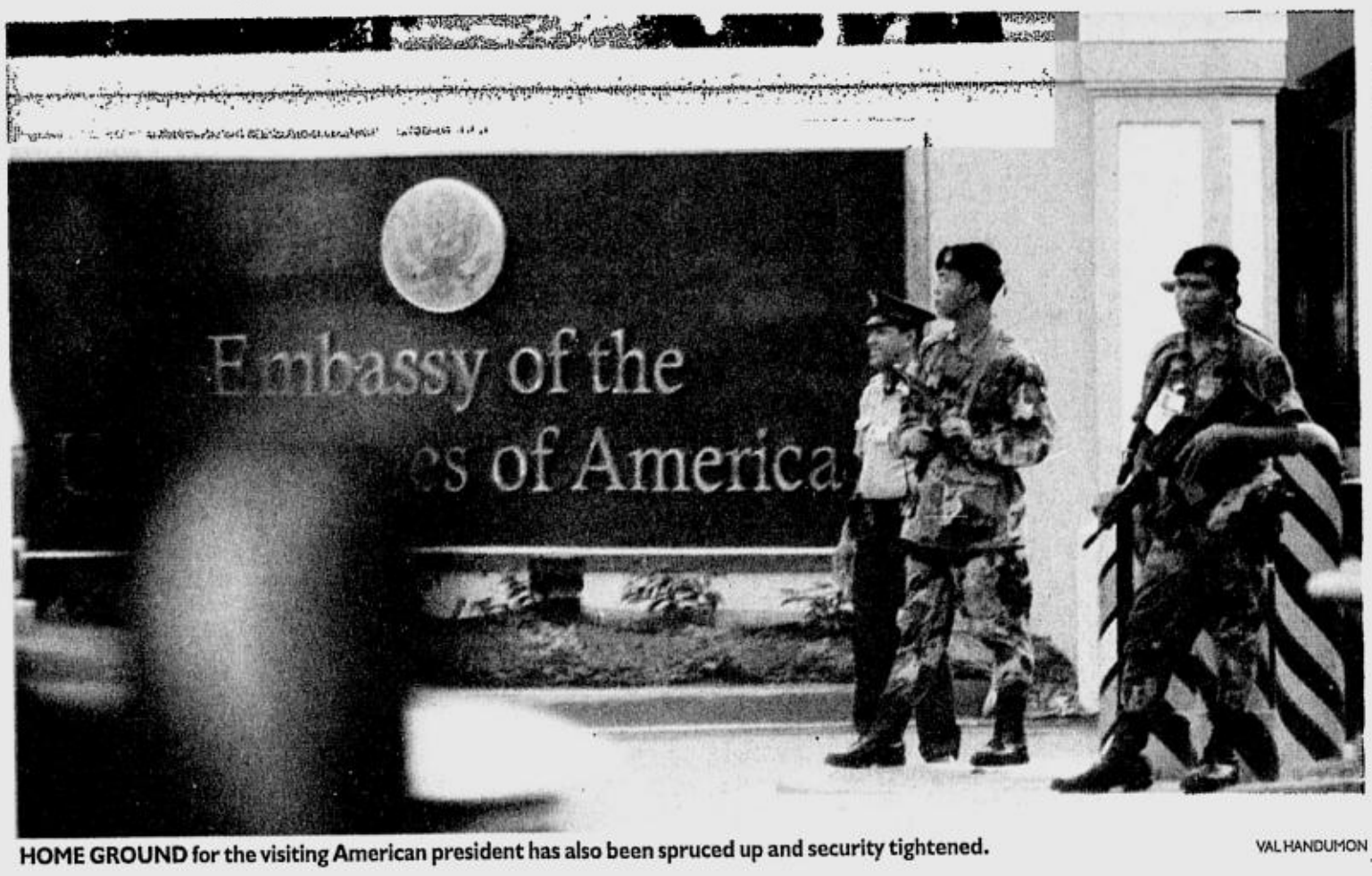
"Though he will zip through six countries in six days, Mr. Bush will not be guided by any coherent vision," said The Washington Post in an editorial on Thursday.

Fair treatment

"The emptiness of Mr. Bush's Asian agenda, beyond terrorism and Iraq, is sadly representative of his foreign policy, two years after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001," it said.

Pimentel said the Philippines should "make the best out of a bad situation," and "take advantage of that need of America."

He said the Philippines should demand that it be fairly treated as an ally.



HOME GROUND for the visiting American president has also been spruced up and security tightened. VAL HANDUMON

"We do not need aid as much as we need trade," he said. "Trade, not aid."

He thus urged the Macapagal administration to shift the thrust of the relationship with America, saying: "When you talk of aid, there are always strings attached to it. But if you insist on trade, you're talking as equal partners."

Can't ignore

In the same breath, he called on Filipinos to "be wise as a serpent" and actively demand fair treatment from the Americans.

Pimentel said ignoring America was "easier said than done, because you cannot ignore the most powerful nation on earth."

He then called on the United States to make up for its continued neglect of Filipino war veterans who fought alongside US soldiers during World War II.

'New partnership'

Lecaros said the two leaders would meet today to strengthen the "new partnership" between the Philippines and the United States in an era of borderless terrorism and free trade.

He said security and trade would top the talks in Malacañang.

Among the other likely issues to be discussed in the 30-minute meeting are peace and development in Mindanao, improved benefits for Filipino war veterans, and other US-supported initiatives such as cutting the cost of foreign exchange remittances by Filipinos in the United States and the protection of intellectual property rights.

"Both nations find themselves in a war against terrorists whose clandestine and well-funded network cuts across national boundaries," Lecaros said.

He said Bush was visiting the Philippines at a time when it has gained renewed geopolitical importance to the US war against terror.

Top trading partner

"The brazen and brutal attacks committed by the Al-Qaida terrorist network since 9/11 has drawn the United States and the Philippines ever closer as partners in the fight against terrorism," he said.

He pointed out that the United States was also the Philippines' top trading partner, the leading market for its exports, and its second biggest import source. At the end of 2002, US foreign direct investments in the Philippines were valued at $3.3 billion.

Done by 8 or 9 p.m.

Lecaros told reporters that the Bush trip would be over by 8 or 9 p.m.

He also said the American president might scrap the wreath-laying ceremony at the national hero's monument in Rizal Park.

"It is not in the program," he said, adding that a visiting foreign head of state's paying homage to the national hero was "traditional, but not part of protocol."

If this happens, Bush will go straight to Malacañang from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, where Air Force One is expected to touch down between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m.

But Lecaros disclosed that for security reasons, the aircraft might use the runway of the former Clark Air Base in Pampanga.

Lecaros admitted that the Macapagal administration had spent millions of pesos to spruce up Metro Manila and Malacañang for Bush and his party of 200.

Usually, he said, host countries spend for the airfare, accommodations and car rentals of a visiting foreign leader and his party.

But because the American contingent is arriving on Air Force One and would not be staying overnight, Lecaros said, "strictly speaking, we will only spend for the state dinner."

"We can't just serve scrambled eggs," he said, adding that a host government was expected to serve a "dignified menu."

GMA inspection

Ms Macapagal yesterday inspected the Mabini grounds where full military honors would be accorded the visitor.

A 1,300-member elite Task Force Bush was sent off from the Presidential Security Group headquarters to secure the various sites Bush would visit during his short stay.

"With the preparations since July, we are confident that the PSG can successfully accomplish its mission to protect the [US] president," PSG chief Col. Delfin Bangit said at the send-off ceremony.

TRB chief Col. Carlos Clet said the task force would assist the US Secret Service in securing Bush.

Brig. Gen. Efren Abu, chief of Joint Task Force Libra, reminded the troops to be "observant and alert," and to wear their "best uniform."

Abu said that while there was no specific threat on Bush's life, he was "always a target," and antigovernment elements would like to embarrass the government by staging some disruptions. *With reports from Juliet Labog-Javellana, AFP*

INTERFAITH assembly for peace at the Quezon Circle on Friday is led by Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. in advance of the state visit of President Bush. JOAN BONDOC

What's for dinner and guess who's coming

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The presidential and 33 other tables will be covered with rose-colored tablecloth with a touch of gold.

Like a garden

The Palace interiors will look like a garden setting with roses, chrysanthemums, lilies, hydrangea and orchids with touches of pink, purple and other hues blooming from the foyer to the Ceremonial Hall.

Three florists did the flower arrangements. The flowers for the state dinner were by Toni Parsons, the Palace interiors and the Premier Guesthouse by the Malacañang in-house florists, and Mabolo did the barrio fiesta cocktails in the Malacañang grounds.

Throughout dinner, the Manila Philharmonic String sextet will serenade the guests. World-acclaimed singer Lea Salonga will sing three songs after dessert is served.

Bettina A. Aboitiz, the President's social secretary, said the state dinner will not be simple but not ostentatious either.

"I think it will be elegant befitting the status of our guest," she said.

"If you have a special guest, you bring out your nicest plates and the most beautiful flowers," she said.

Bush was given a *barong* Tagalog as Ms Macapagal's gift, which he might wear to the state dinner.

Ms Macapagal will be gowned either in a red or a blue terno designed by Ren Divino.

Bush's 6-nation swing a security nightmare

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in Southeast Asia, he is rowing against a rising anti-American tide in both Indonesia and the Philippines. In the latter country, the increasing presence of US troops involved in joint anti-terrorism exercises with the military is fueling nationalist sentiments against the US.

Bush is trying to counter this tide in the Philippines where he will engage in serious talks with President Macapagal-Arroyo over economic and military aid designed to increase the capacity of the Philippine military to combat terrorism and of the government to plow economic assets into projects that would attack the underlying causes of terrorism in the Muslim provinces while at the same time enhancing the President's chances in next year's presidential polls.

Weak spots

President Bush's first stop will be Japan, which for the first time is sending its largest single deployment of troops since World War II to help allied peacekeeping forces in Iraq. Tokyo has also pledged $1.5 billion to help in the reconstruction of Iraq.

With the Japanese commitment, Bush will thus be armed to persuade his other Asian allies to step up their anti-terrorism efforts, the weak spots of the alliance being Indonesia and the Philippines.

Bush is also seeking firmer commitments from the Philippines and Thailand to send peace-keeping missions to Iraq, a project that faces stiff opposition from some members of the Philippine Congress.

More concrete commitments from Asian allies will give Bush more arguments to persuade key European countries—such as Germany, France and Russia—to share with the US the staggering cost of Iraq's reconstruction as well as peacekeeping duties, possibly under United Nations cover to give its occupation of the country stronger legitimacy.

Thus, the Bush visit is a diplomatic effort by Bush to counter the wide resentment against his preemptive strike doctrine and unilateral approach in foreign policy.

Twin themes

On the eve of his departure, Bush gave an interview to journalists from the six nations he is visiting, during which he emphasized the two themes of strengthening the anti-terror campaign and of pushing for the expansion of bilateral free-trade agreements.

He said: "It is a chance for me to say thanks to a lot of nations for cooperating with America... It's a chance to strengthen alliances, [which are] an important part of our foreign policy. Together we can accomplish a lot of important objectives. No more important objective than continuing to fight terror."

He said that an important aspect of his discussion with each of the Asian leaders would be "to renew our efforts to find those who would kill innocent people and bring them to justice, disrupt cells, cut off financing, prevent the catastrophes that have taken place, that have taken innocent life, from happening again. That's really our call."

"There's no question that Southeast Asia has seen its share of violence from terrorist activities. That's why one of the key agenda items on my trip is to discuss terror, and to remind people that we're dealing with cold-blooded killers, people who just take innocent life in order to create and instill a sense of fear," Bush said.

Free, fair trade

He told journalists that a "key part" of his trip would be a discussion of mutually beneficial economic policy.

Following the collapse of the Cancun talks, Washington has given more emphasis to bilateral free-trade agreements. It has just concluded one with Singapore and is pursuing one with the Philippines.

"Trade must be free and it must at the same time be a fair policy," said Bush, adding that the WTO talks in Cancun were a "missed opportunity."

Bush said he would be "[telling] our friends that things are looking up for the US economy, but there's more work to be done."

"And one of the key components of economic growth in America and job creation here, as well as job creation with our friends, is a trade policy that opens markets and at the same time recognizes [that] what we call a level playing field is prevalent," Bush said.

The economic agenda will be discussed more fully at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit of leaders at the weekend in Bangkok which will culminate his visits in an arc embracing Japan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore and Australia.

Facing resistance

The war on terrorism is noted by some US analysts as relying too much on military action and facing resistance among some Asian countries that have been victims of terrorist attacks like the Philippines and Indonesia.

Bush is expected to praise President Macapagal-Arroyo for her steadfast backing of Bush's war policy in Iraq and President Megawati Sukarnoputri for her efforts to combat Islamic militancy. But he is also expected to press both presidents to do more to fight terrorism.

He will meet leaders of the two largest moderate Islamic organizations in Indonesia to persuade them to blunt the edges of the militants which are seen as the watering ground of terrorist attacks by the extremist JI.

'Tisoy' threatens to rain on US president's parade

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to rain on US President George W. Bush's parade when he arrives in the country this afternoon for an eight-hour state visit.

The rains could also put a damper on the "fiery" welcome militant groups are planning to stage during their anti-US demonstrations.

Tisoy might just cause some hitches in the government's months of planning and days of rehearsals for Bush's visit.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) yesterday said there would be cloudy skies throughout the day and rainshowers particularly in the afternoon in Metro Manila due to tropical depression Tisoy.

Pagasa forecaster Lucrecio About said there would be more rain in the afternoon, probably between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Open-air activities

Bush is expected to arrive at 12:30 p.m. His afternoon schedule includes several open-air activities: possibly a wreath-laying ceremony at the monument to national hero Dr. Jose Rizal at Rizal Park, military honors in Malacañang and a ceremonial walk to the Palace. There will also be a barrio fiesta cocktail reception at the Malacañang grounds at 6 p.m.

About said the whole country would experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. In the Visayas and Mindanao, the rains would be caused by the inter-tropical convergence zone while those in Luzon would be due to Tisoy.

Keep him dry

About said the amount and intensity of precipitation would be the same as in the past few days.

Tisoy is forecast to be at 810 km east of central Luzon this morning. As of 10 a.m. yesterday, it had sustained winds of 55 kph near the center and was forecast to move west-northwest at 11 kph.

Metro Manila will have light to moderate winds blowing from the northeast while Manila Bay will be slight to moderate.

Bush's escorts would have to adjust their preparations to keep the US president dry, and militant groups might have some difficulty burning their 100 American flags in protest of the visit.

MMDA: Brace yourselves for heavy traffic

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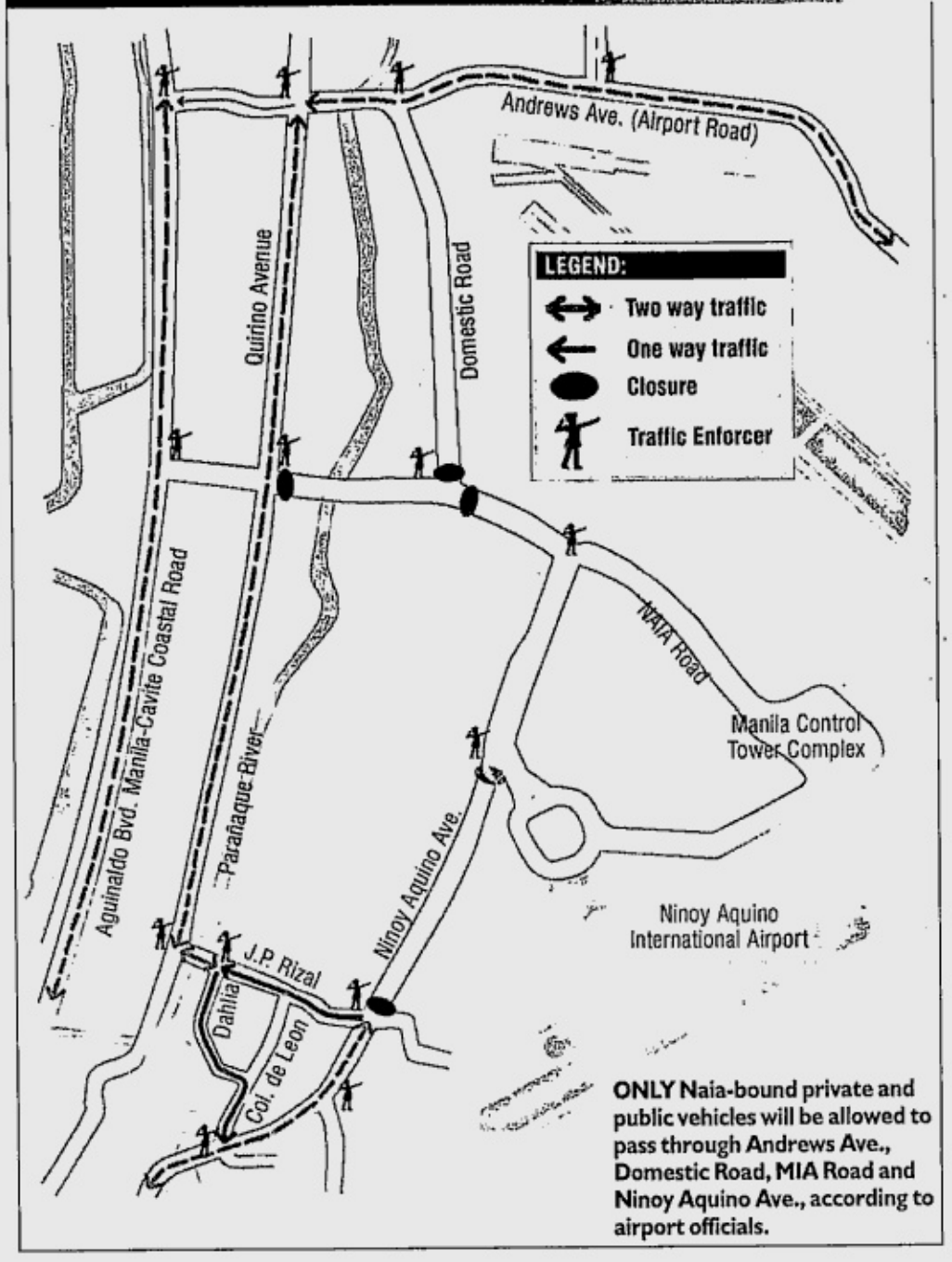
He said that the visit would even boost the country's anti-terrorism efforts.

Vicencio, also invited to the welcome lunch, added that the good relationship between Ms Macapagal and Bush would be healthy for the country.

Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco, who said he had not yet received an invitation, also said that the financial aid which the United States had promised to the country would be a big help to the economy. *Edson Tandoc Jr.*

MIAA traffic advisory



ONLY Naia-bound private and public vehicles will be allowed to pass through Andrews Ave., Domestic Road, MIA Road and Ninoy Aquino Ave., according to airport officials.

Mall sales to coincide with Bush visit, rallies

By Margaux Ortiz

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) traffic chief yesterday warned motorists that traffic problems would plague Metro Manila today because of the scheduled state visit of US President George W. Bush.

"I am 90 percent sure that motorists will get irritated because of traffic congestion," MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios said in an interview in his office in Makati City.

Vergel de Dios said that because some thoroughfares have to be blocked to make way for President Bush, vehicles would consequently congest alternate routes and cause traffic jams.

He said persistent protesters, who have to be contained in smaller roads so they would not block the main thoroughfares, would also add to the traffic congestion.

"And the mall-wide sales of Robinson's Galleria (in Quezon City), SM Megamall and Starmall (both in Mandaluyong City) would not help in easing the impending congestion," Vergel de Dios lamented.

The traffic director also advised motorists to stay home and watch television to avoid traffic headaches.

"If your appointment is not that important, just stay put," Vergel de Dios said.

He also discouraged drivers of cargo trucks from going to Manila's ports today.

"The trucks will have a hard time delivering their goods to the pier because the routes they usually take will be closed for the state visit," Vergel de Dios stressed.

He said designated roads, including flyovers and pedestrian footbridges in the area, would be closed 30 minutes before Bush and his entourage are expected to pass through to "sanitize" the place.

Vergel de Dios also said roads leading to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport have been closed as of midnight yesterday.

He said motorists are not allowed to ply Naia Road from Domestic Road to Quirino Ave.

He added that Ninoy Aquino Ave. from Pascor Ave. to JP Rizal Street have also been blocked.

Vergel de Dios advised motorists to pass through Quirino Ave. and Andrew Street.

He also said that checkpoints would abound in the vicinity of Naia.

Vergel de Dios said that for security reasons, details about the traffic rerouting would be announced a few hours before Bush arrives.

He advised motorists to listen to radio announcements today, for rerouting updates from the MMDA.

"This is not just an issue of traffic management but also of security measures," Vergel de Dios said.

He said that had they announced the rerouting scheme earlier, terrorists could station themselves strategically in places the US President would pass.

Robbers hit QC mall; guard killed

EVEN when the streets were crawling with policemen on heightened alert for the scheduled eight-hour state visit of US President George W. Bush, four armed men yesterday pulled off a robbery right inside a Quezon City mall, killing a bank guard and injuring a bystander.

Central Police District investigators said Dindo Flores, 34, of the Mandarin Security Agency, and another guard, identified only as Lindico, were escorting bank tellers Rolando Alingod and Alejandro Fortea in collecting deposits from the Asia Trust Bank branch in Nova Mall on Quirino Highway, Novaliches, Quezon City, when the robbery occurred.

The roving tellers and security men were walking toward the armored van parked outside the shopping center to deposit three duffel bags of cash when two armed men appeared, police said.

Flores drew his gun but one of the robbers shot him in the head.

Alingid, Fortea and Lindico panicked and fled. Fortea managed to save one of the duffel bags. The robbers took the other two, police said.

The robbers fled on board two motorcycles—a silver SYM Tri-Star with no license plate, and a red Kawasaki (TG 4212), police said.

An hour later, police recovered one of the motorcycles on Geronimo Street—a hundred meters away from the mall.

According to witnesses, the suspects commandeered a maroon Mitsubishi Adventure and proceeded to Malinta. *Tina Santos*

Transformer explosion not our fault, says Meralco

MERALCO yesterday denied newspaper reports that a transformer explosion in Manila was the reason behind the injury of four women.

Elpi Cuna Jr., Meralco vice president for Corporate Communication, said that contrary to the allegations of Barangay Kagawad Amir Cassan, Meralco is not to blame for the accident.

"Our investigation showed that it was not a transformer explosion but rather a line-to-ground contact of a laundry stick, held by one of the four women that accidentally got in contact with our phase B 20KV line as witnessed by bystanders," Cuna said in a statement.

Cuna added that the incident happened on the third floor terrace which was a safe distance from Meralco's electric primary line.

Filipino hospitality and some

DESPITE the rallies to be staged today by a handful of militants, the country's welcome for US President George W. Bush will be genuinely warm.

Filipinos are known for their hospitality.

The rants and raves of a few militants will be drowned out by shouts of "Mabuhay!" by majority of the Filipinos.

So, Mr. Bush, welcome to the Philippines and enjoy our hospitality.

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Malacañang grounds have been spruced up for the US President's visit. The Batasang Pambansa building, where Bush will be addressing both houses of Congress, have been given a new coat of paint, and its grounds cleaned up.

But why does it have to take a US President for us Filipinos to literally clean house?

Why can't house cleaning be an year-round affair, visitor or no visitor?

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Cleaning house, because a visitor is expected, is typical of a Filipino.

"*Sige, maglinis tayo ng bahay dahil may darating tayong bisita* (Okay, let's clean the house because a visitor is coming)" is typically a Filipino *madre de familia* order to members of her household.

Most of the time the house is not cleaned. Or if there is some cleaning done, the housemaid sweeps the dirt under the rug.

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And when a visitor comes unexpected, the following is the dialogue when the visitor asks permission to go to the restroom:

"Can I use the comfort room?"

"Ah, wait, the bowl has not been flushed yet. Inday, come here quick, clean the toilet! Our visitor is going to use it."

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

Why is the toilet bowl kept unflushed when a visitor is not coming? Why can't it be flushed immediately after every use?

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Go to a public toilet and you'll see what I mean.

A typical Filipino doesn't flush the bowl after using it. He expects the next guy to flush his s**t for him.

I've been a witness to this in many instances, even among Filipinos who are supposedly educated and well-bred.

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Once, I had to run after the guy who used the restroom immediately before me to remind him that he "forgot" to flush the bowl.

The guy was not wearing a *tsinelas* or *kamisadentro*. He was well-dressed and well-known.

Perhaps his mind was so preoccupied with a lot of problems that he forgot to flush the bowl.

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Ask any flight stewardess of Philippine Airlines (PAL). She will tell you that the higher a passenger's social status is, the more inconsiderate that passenger is toward other passengers in the use of the toilet inside the aircraft.

Even in the Mabuhay or First Class sections of PAL, most passengers don't care to clean the toilet after using it.

That's why there's a sign inside a PAL toilet which reads: "In consideration for the other passenger who will use this toilet, please don't litter." Or words to that effect.

Why does that sign have to be put up if the Filipino has good toilet habits?

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A stewardess friend told me that many Mabuhay (Business) Class or First Class passengers in international flights don't care to clean the toilet after using it.

Why? Because they expect the flight attendants or stewards to clean the toilet!

There's a term for it in Spanish: *cochino* or *cochina*. Find out what it means.

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Tourism Secretary Dick Gordon's intensive campaign to lure tourists to our shores will not succeed unless the Filipinos are taught good toilet habits.

In the first place, there are no toilets to speak of!

When a tourist, for example, answers the call of nature, where does he go since there are no toilets?

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I remember a joke about the Filipino male's penchant for urinating in public places.

US President Ronald Reagan and President Marcos were in a limousine cruising along Roxas Blvd. when the American head of state saw a man urinating on a wall.

He told his host what he saw, to the embarrassment of the Philippine head of state.

Months later, Marcos went to Washington D.C. to return Reagan's visit to Manila.

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While Marcos and Reagan were talking inside the US presidential limousine, Marcos saw a man urinating on a wall. He told Reagan what he saw.

Embarrassed, Reagan ordered his Secret Service agents to go after the man who was urinating.

The Secret Service agents brought the man to the two Presidents.

It was Marcos' turn to be embarrassed: the man was a Filipino.

METROBRIEFS

They need help

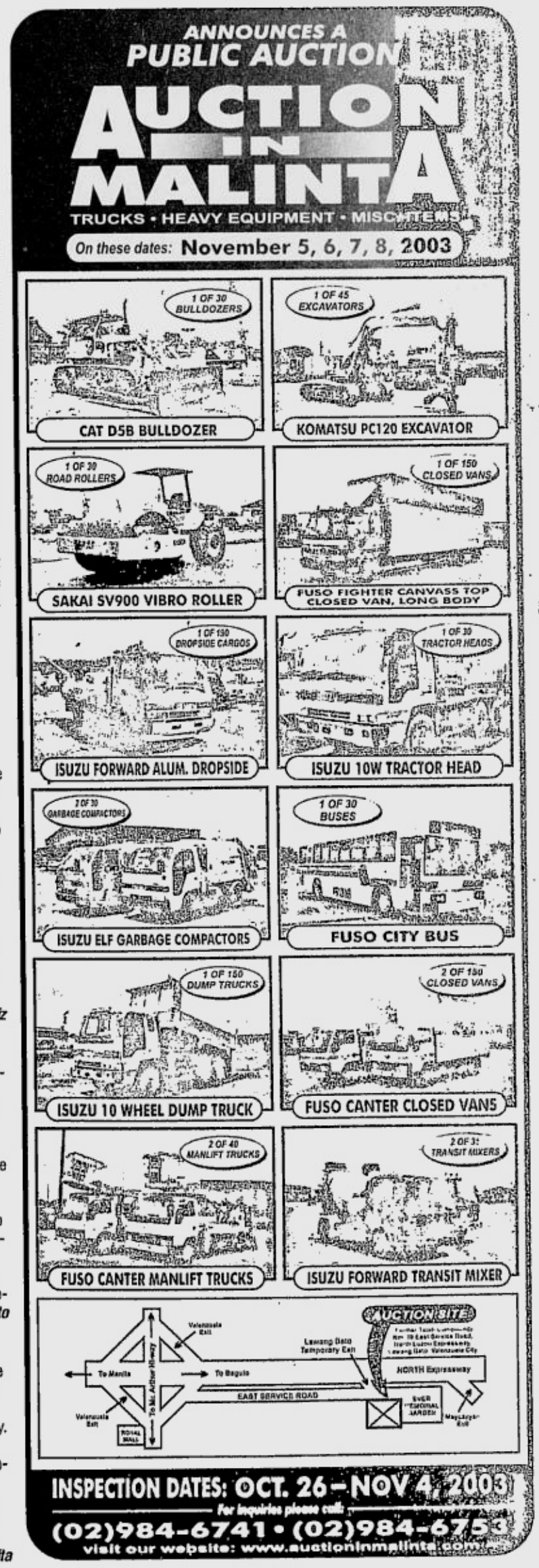
A MAKATI City Hall official yesterday said the refusal of some of Makati's exclusive villages to cooperate with the government has resulted in the lack of transparency on the drug situation in their areas. The official, who reacted to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency's recent raid on a drug den in Dasmariñas Village, said barangay officials of the villages keep on reiterating their rights to privacy. The official said that the barangay officials always say that they are capable of keeping their villages drug-free, "when in fact, they need the help of the police and the local government." *Margaux Ortiz*

Fried brain

BRYAN Suarez, who was caught sniffing rugby, allegedly stabbed and wounded a police officer who tried to accost him at dawn yesterday in Marikina City. The police said the chemical might already have "fried the brain" of Suarez, 21, of Pandayan Street, Barangay Malanday, and prompted him to attack P01 Graciano Macapaga II, 22, a member of the Regional Special Action Unit. The suspect, who was subsequently caught, also allegedly stabbed Rolando Barcena Wednesday night. *Luige del Puerto*

Drug roundup

SEVEN suspected drug pushers were rounded up by the Makati Anti-Drug Abuse Council (MADAC) and the Makati Police on Thursday and Friday. In a report, Makati Vice Mayor Ernesto Mercado, MADAC chair, identified the suspects as Ceferino Dy, Myla Arellano, Christopher Figueroa, Rangie Garcia, Renando Hernandez, Jesus Borromeo and Susan Santos. *Christine Paita*



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He said Filipinos should show that they are united and that the country is peaceful.

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He said that the visit would even boost the country's anti-terrorism efforts.

Vicencio, also invited to the welcome lunch, added that the good relationship between Ms Macapagal and Bush would be healthy for the country.

Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco, who said he had not yet received an invitation, also said that the financial aid which the United States had promised to the country would be a big help to the economy. *Edson Tandoc Jr.*

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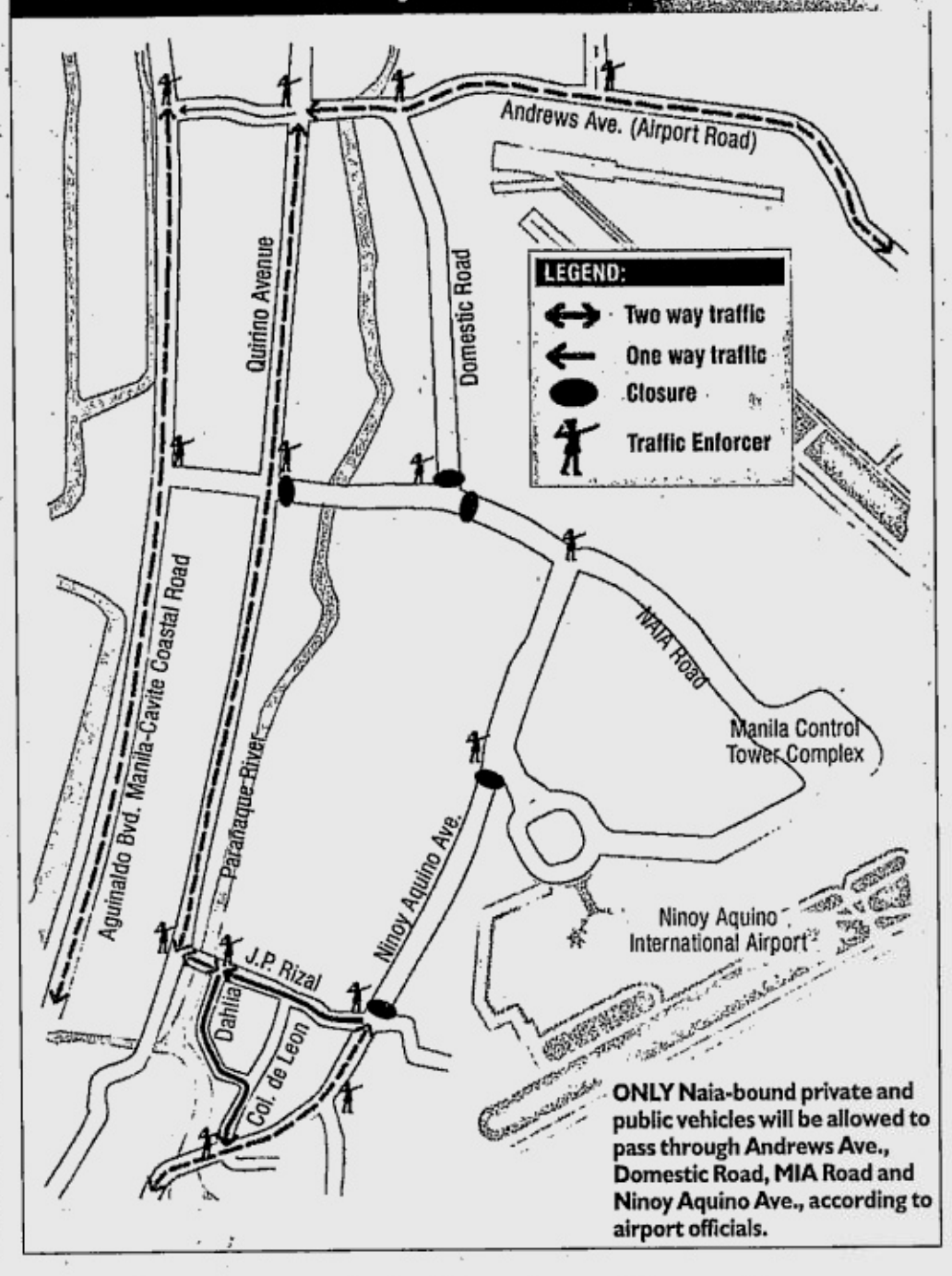

ONLY Naia-bound private and public vehicles will be allowed to pass through Andrews Ave., Domestic Road, MIA Road and Ninoy Aquino Ave., according to airport officials.

Mall sales to coincide with Bush visit, rallies

By Margaux Ortiz

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) traffic chief yesterday warned motorists that traffic problems would plague Metro Manila today because of the scheduled state visit of US President George W. Bush.

"I am 90 percent sure that motorists will get irritated because of traffic congestion," MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios said in an interview in his office in Makati City.

Vergel de Dios said that because some thoroughfares have to be blocked to make way for President Bush, vehicles would consequently congest alternate routes and cause traffic jams.

He said persistent protesters, who have to be contained in smaller roads so they would not block the main thoroughfares, would also add to the traffic congestion.

"And the mall-wide sales of Robinson's Galleria (in Quezon City), SM Megamall and Starmall (both in Mandaluyong City) would not help in easing the impending congestion," Vergel de Dios lamented.

The traffic director also advised motorists to stay home and watch television to avoid traffic headaches.

"If your appointment is not that important, just stay put," Vergel de Dios said.

He also discouraged drivers of cargo trucks from going to Manila's ports today.

"The trucks will have a hard time delivering their goods to the pier because the routes they usually take will be closed for the state visit," Vergel de Dios stressed.

He said designated roads, including flyovers and pedestrian footbridges in the area, would be closed 30 minutes before Bush and his entourage are expected to pass through to "sanitize" the place.

Vergel de Dios also said roads leading to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport have been closed as of midnight yesterday.

He said motorists are not allowed to ply Naia Road from Domestic Road to Quirino Ave.

He added that Ninoy Aquino Ave. from Pascor Ave. to JP Rizal Street have also been blocked.

Vergel de Dios advised motorists to pass through Quirino Ave. and Andrew Street.

He also said that checkpoints would abound in the vicinity of Naia.

Vergel de Dios said that for security reasons, details about the traffic rerouting would be announced a few hours before Bush arrives.

He advised motorists to listen to radio announcements today for rerouting updates from the MMDA.

"This is not just an issue of traffic management but also of security measures," Vergel de Dios said.

He said that had they announced the rerouting scheme earlier, terrorists could station themselves strategically in places where the US President would pass.

Robbers hit QC mall; guard killed

EVEN when the streets were crawling with policemen on heightened alert for the scheduled eight-hour state visit of US President George W. Bush, four armed men yesterday pulled off a robbery right inside a Quezon City mall, killing a bank guard and injuring a bystander.

Central Police District investigators said Dindo Flores, 34, of the Mandarin Security Agency, and another guard, identified only as Lindico, were escorting bank tellers Rolando Alingod and Alejandro Fortea in collecting deposits from the Asia Trust Bank branch in Nova Mall on Quirino Highway, Novaliches, Quezon City, when the robbery occurred.

The roving tellers and security men were walking toward the armored van parked outside the shopping center to deposit three duffel bags of cash when two armed men appeared, police said.

Flores drew his gun but one of the robbers shot him in the head.

Alingid, Fortea and Lindico panicked and fled. Fortea managed to save one of the duffel bags. The robbers took the other two, police said.

The robbers fled on board two motorcycles—a silver SYM Tri-Star with no license plate, and a red Kawasaki (TG 4212), police said.

An hour later, police recovered one of the motorcycles on Geronimo Street—a hundred meters away from the mall.

According to witnesses, the suspects commandeered a maroon Mitsubishi Adventure and proceeded to Malinta. *Tina Santos*

Transformer explosion not our fault, says Meralco

MERALCO yesterday denied newspaper reports that a transformer explosion in Manila was the reason behind the injury of four women.

Elpi Cuna Jr., Meralco vice president for Corporate Communication, said that contrary to the allegations of Barangay Kagawad Amir Cassan, Meralco is not to blame for the accident.

"Our investigation showed that it was not a transformer explosion but rather a line-to-ground contact of a laundry stick, held by one of the four women that accidentally got in contact with our phase B 20KV line as witnessed by bystanders," Cuna said in a statement.

Cuna added that the incident happened on the third floor terrace which was a safe distance from Meralco's electric primary line.

Filipino hospitality and some

DESPITE the rallies to be staged today by a handful of militants, the country's welcome for US President George W. Bush will be genuinely warm.

Filipinos are known for their hospitality.

The rants and raves of a few militants will be drowned out by shouts of "Mabuhay!" by majority of the Filipinos.

So, Mr. Bush, welcome to the Philippines and enjoy our hospitality.

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Malacañang grounds have been spruced up for the US President's visit. The Batasang Pambansa building, where Bush will be addressing both houses of Congress, have been given a new coat of paint, and its grounds cleaned up.

But why does it have to take a US President for us Filipinos to literally clean house?

Why can't house cleaning be an year-round affair, visitor or no visitor?

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Cleaning house, because a visitor is expected, is typical of a Filipino.

"*Sige, maglinis tayo ng bahay dahil may darating tayong bisita* (Okay, let's clean the house because a visitor is coming)" is typically a Filipino *madre de familia* order to members of her household.

Most of the time the house is not cleaned. Or if there is some cleaning done, the housemaid sweeps the dirt under the rug.

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And when a visitor comes unexpected, the following is the dialogue when the visitor asks permission to go to the restroom:

"Can I use the comfort room?"

"Ah, wait, the bowl has not been flushed yet. Inday, come here quick, clean the toilet! Our visitor is going to use it."

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

Why is the toilet bowl kept unflushed when a visitor is not coming? Why can't it be flushed immediately after every use?

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Go to a public toilet and you'll see what I mean.

A typical Filipino doesn't flush the bowl after using it. He expects the next guy to flush his s**t for him.

I've been a witness to this in many instances, even among Filipinos who are supposedly educated and well-bred.

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Once, I had to run after the guy who used the restroom immediately before me to remind him that he "forgot" to flush the bowl.

The guy was not wearing a *tsinelas* or *kamisadentro*. He was well-dressed and well-known.

Perhaps his mind was so preoccupied with a lot of problems that he forgot to flush the bowl.

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Ask any flight stewardess of Philippine Airlines (PAL). She will tell you that the higher a passenger's social status is, the more inconsiderate that passenger is toward other passengers in the use of the toilet inside the aircraft.

Even in the Mabuhay or First Class sections of PAL, most passengers don't care to clean the toilet after using it.

That's why there's a sign inside a PAL toilet which reads: "In consideration for the other passenger who will use this toilet, please don't litter." Or words to that effect.

Why does that sign have to be put up if the Filipino has good toilet habits?

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A stewardess friend told me that many Mabuhay (Business) Class or First Class passengers in international flights don't care to clean the toilet after using it.

Why? Because they expect the flight attendants or stewards to clean the toilet!

There's a term for it in Spanish: *cochino* or *cochina*. Find out what it means.

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Tourism Secretary Dick Gordon's intensive campaign to lure tourists to our shores will not succeed unless the Filipinos are taught good toilet habits.

In the first place, there are no toilets to speak of!

When a tourist, for example, answers the call of nature, where does he go since there are no toilets?

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I remember a joke about the Filipino male's penchant for urinating in public places.

US President Ronald Reagan and President Marcos were in a limousine cruising along Roxas Blvd. when the American head of state saw a man urinating on a wall.

He told his host what he saw, to the embarrassment of the Philippine head of state.

Months later, Marcos went to Washington D.C. to return Reagan's visit to Manila.

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While Marcos and Reagan were talking inside the US presidential limousine, Marcos saw a man urinating on a wall. He told Reagan what he saw.

Embarrassed, Reagan ordered his Secret Service agents to go after the man who was urinating.

The Secret Service agents brought the man to the two Presidents.

It was Marcos' turn to be embarrassed; the man was a Filipino.

METROBRIEFS

They need help

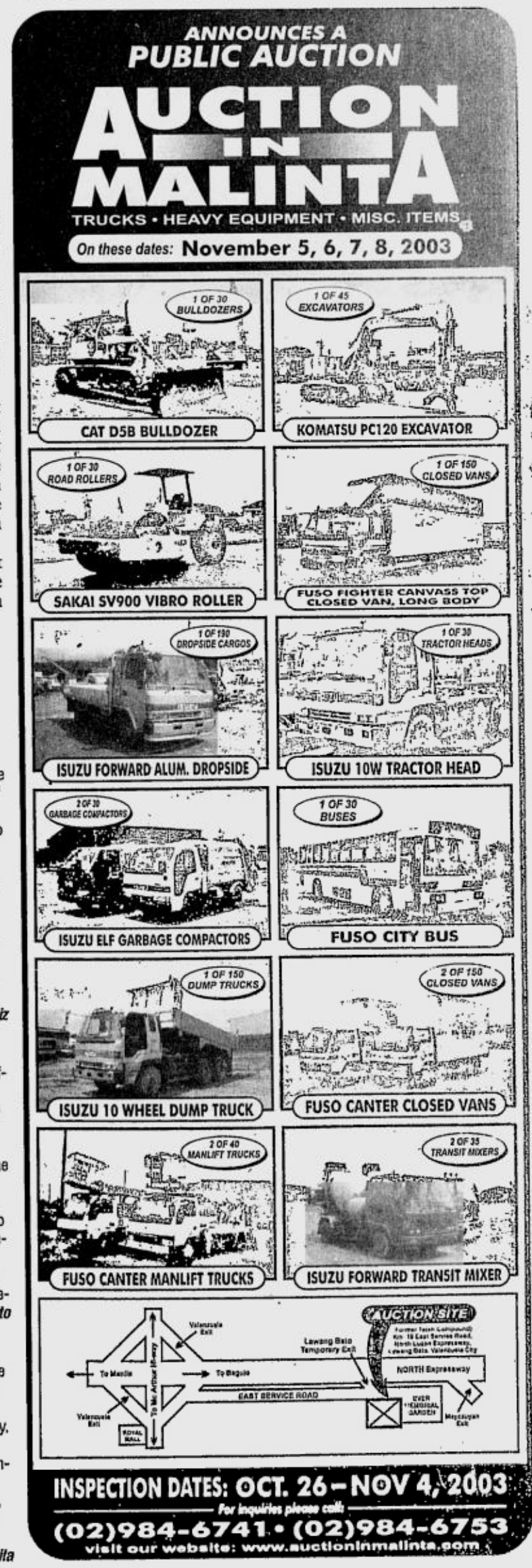
A MAKATI City Hall official yesterday said the refusal of some of Makati's exclusive villages to cooperate with the government has resulted in the lack of transparency on the drug situation in their areas. The official, who reacted to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency's recent raid on a drug den in Dasmariñas Village, said barangay officials of the villages keep on reiterating their rights to privacy. The official said that the barangay officials always say that they are capable of keeping their villages drug-free, "when in fact, they need the help of the police and the local government." *Margaux Ortiz*

Fried brain

BRYAN Suarez, who was caught sniffing rugby, allegedly stabbed and wounded a police officer who tried to accost him at dawn yesterday in Marikina City. The police said the chemical might already have "fried the brain" of Suarez, 21, of Pandayan Street, Barangay Malanday, and prompted him to attack PO1 Graciano Macapaga II, 22, a member of the Regional Special Action Unit. The suspect, who was subsequently caught, also allegedly stabbed Rolando Barcena Wednesday night. *Luige del Puerto*

Drug roundup

SEVEN suspected drug pushers were rounded up by the Makati Anti-Drug Abuse Council (MADAC) and the Makati Police on Thursday and Friday. In a report, Makati Vice Mayor Ernesto Mercado, MADAC chair, identified the suspects as Ceferino Dy, Myla Arellano, Christopher Figueroa, Rangie Garcia, Renando Hernandez, Jesus Borromeo and Susan Santos. *Christine Palta*



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NCRPO chief: We're ready for the worst

By Edson Tandoc Jr.
and Leila Salaverria

HOPING for the best, but ready for the worst.

The 10,000 policemen deployed for today's visit of US President George Bush are prepared to secure the leader of the most powerful country in the world during his eight-hour stay in the Philippines, National Capital Region Police Office Director Reynaldo Velasco said.

Yesterday morning, Velasco inspected the key areas which Bush will visit today, including the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, where Bush is expected to arrive, the US Embassy, the Luneta grounds, Malacañang, and the Batasan Complex in Quezon City.

Velasco, designated ground commander of Task Force Dubya, also met with Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose Lina Jr. and Philippine National Police Chief Hermogenes Ebdane at 10:30 a.m. yesterday for final instructions and updates on the security preparations for the visit.

In a statement yesterday, Velasco said the entire Metro Manila police force was all set for the eight-hour visit despite the scheduled mass protests of militant groups.

Civil Disturbance Management units have been deployed in key areas as early as yesterday evening.

Police and government officials also called on militant groups yesterday to avoid violent mass actions, which they said, could embarrass the country.

Velasco said the "no permit, no rally" policy would be strictly enforced today.

Riot policemen would disperse groups that could not show the proper permits, he added.

The Western Police District and the Northern Police District converged under Task Group Namana and are securing areas surrounding Malacañang and the US Embassy.

The Central Police District and the Eastern Police District fall under Task Group Mahoma and are deployed in the House of Representatives.

The Southern Police District under Task Group Marocona are securing the Makati business center and the airports.

Two other task groups are maintaining a more than 3,000-strong reserve unit from the national police and the military.

CIDG men figure in messy kidnap, extort scandal

By Christian Esguerra

THE CRIMINAL Investigation and Detection Group yesterday found itself in yet another fine mess after four of its men were arrested for allegedly kidnapping and extorting money from a doctor and his friends Wednesday night.

Senior Insp. Romeo Odrada and his men arrested Dr. Frank Aragon and his four companions at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at around 8:30 p.m. on the strength of a "bogus" warrant for murder dated 1978, according to Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, Region 4 director.

If the warrant were true, police said, it would have meant Aragon, 27, committed the alleged murder when he was 2 years old.

Odrada, 39, allegedly led members of the CIDG's Anti-Transnational Crime Division—SPO1 Florentino Tasara, 43, PO3 Jessie Vinas, 40, PO1 Cesar Lamboon, 29, and driver Danilo Mateo, 40.

Felix Vargas, CIDG information officer, yesterday said CIDG Chief Eduardo Matillano was enraged upon learning that his men were involved in kidnapping and extortion, and ordered an investigation.

An entire unit of the CIDG had earlier been accused of stealing 50 kilos of shabu during a raid of an illegal drug laboratory in Cavite.

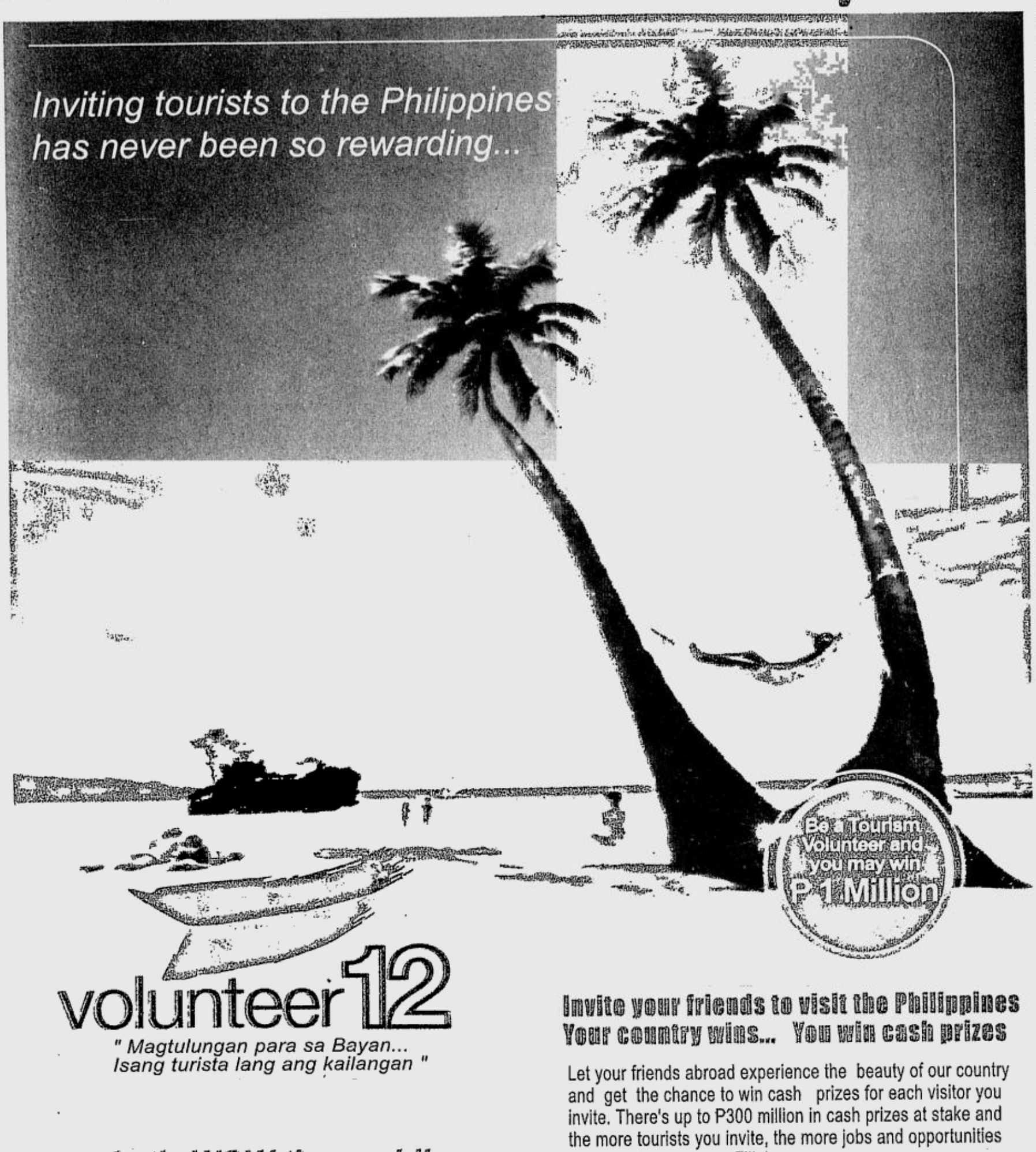
From the airport, Odrada and his men took the victims to Camp Crame, then to a nearby apartelle, where they stripped the victims of their jewelry worth around P5 million, Caringal said.

Aragon's companions where identified as Lourdes Ilao, 47, Jelyn Santiago, 21, Ana Marie Apostol, 21, and Adrian Apostol, 21.

And in exchange for the victims' release, the lawmen allegedly demanded P10 million.

Caringal said the victims paid the suspects P948,000 in Nasugbu, Batangas at around 4 p.m. on Thursday. Odrada and his men were arrested soon after and detained at the town police headquarters.

Police seized from the suspects two M-16 rifles, four 9mm pistols, two .45-caliber pistols, a .25-caliber gun, jewelry and the ransom money.



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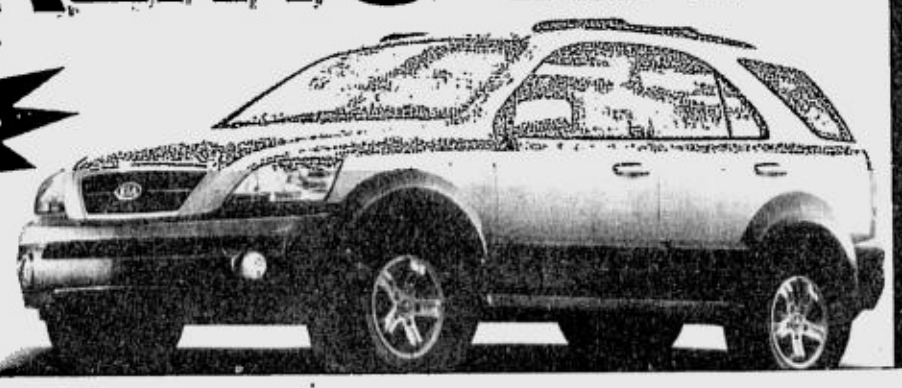

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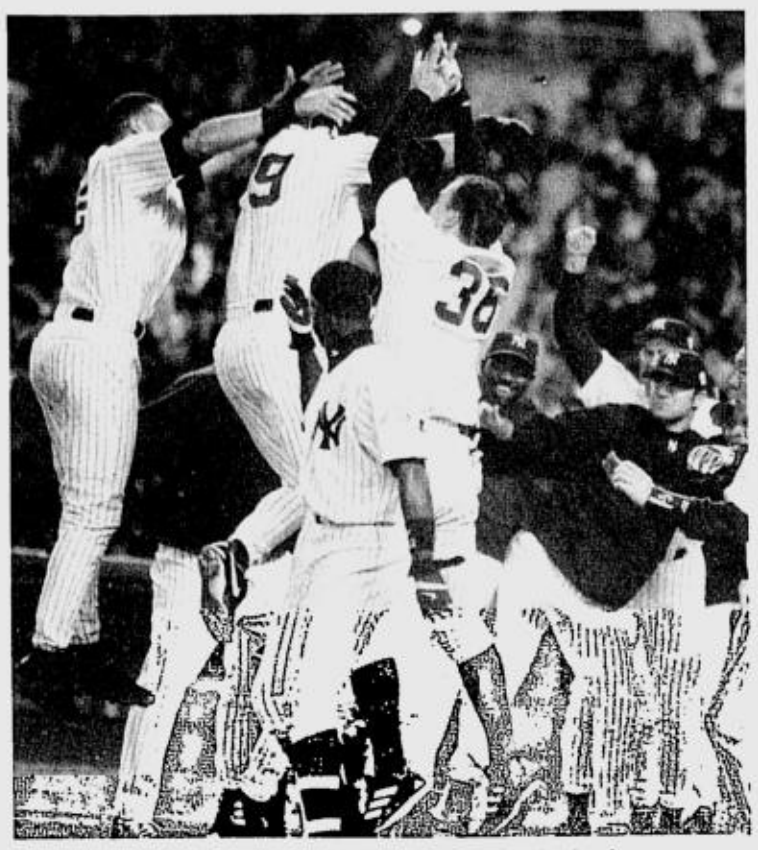

THE YANKEES mob Aaron Boone (19) after his winning home run. AFP

A.L. CHAMPS

Yankees oust Sox in thriller

NEW YORK—Aaron Boone's leadoff homer in the bottom of the 11th capped one of the most dramatic postseason games ever as the New York Yankees rallied for a stirring 6-5 triumph over Boston, who had their hearts broken again by US baseball's most successful franchise.

By taking Thursday's Game Seven of one of the greatest American League Championship Series ever, the Yankees advanced to the World Series for the sixth time in eight years under manager Joe Torre.

New York will host the Florida Marlins in Game One of the Fall Classic on Saturday.

"Nothing comes close to it," said Yankees manager Joe Torre, "because of the way it was accomplished and the fact that it was the Red Sox.

"Now that it's over, I couldn't be more satisfied. You should be, too." As the Yankees continued their tradition of winning with their 39th American League pennant, the Red Sox endured yet another memorable collapse.

Taking a 5-2 lead into the eighth and with their ace—Pedro Martinez—on the mound, Boston coughed up the lead in dramatic fashion.

The game remained tied into the 11th, when Boone lofted the first pitch from Tim Wakefield over the wall in left field, touching off a wild scene.

As Yankees charged from the dugout, Boone—a midseason acquisition—rounded the bases amid a raucous backdrop.

"My bat just ran into it," Boone said. "I guess it's my time.

"Like Derek (Jeter) told me, the ghosts will show up eventually. You know, anything is possible. But it didn't look good there for awhile." The scene was the latest moment of heartbreak for Boston which has not reached a World Series since 1986 and not won a Fall Classic since 1918.

Compounding matters is the loss came to the rival Yankees.

A big part of that tradition is a three-run homer Dent hit over the "Green Monster" in left field at Fenway Park on Oct. 2, 1978.

A light-hitting shortstop, Dent is villified in Boston and has become an icon for the heated rivalry between the teams.

Boone, who has considerably more power than Dent, was acquired from the Cincinnati Reds on July 31.

But he hit just .254 in 54 regular season games with New York and was even worse in the postseason with five hits and one RBI in 31 at-bats.

The 30-year-old third baseman did not even start the game, finally entering as a pinch runner in the eighth.

The Yankees used all their weapons in forcing the Red Sox's collapse, but they got help from Boston manager Grady Little, who chose to stick with ace Pedro Martinez long after he'd lost his fastball in the eighth inning.

"Pedro Martinez had been our man all year long," Little said. "In situations like that, he's the one we want on the mound." Wakefield (2-1) entered in the 10th and cruised through that inning.

But his first offering of the 11th was pulled down the left field line and into the lower deck.

The home run made a winner of Yankees closer Mariano Rivera, who may have had the most brilliant effort of his stellar career. *AFP*

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Tams, Archers forge Bantay Bata title duel

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
2 p.m.—Letran vs UE (For 3rd)
4 p.m.—La Salle vs FEU (Championship)

By Dennis U. Eroa

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

JOSEPH Casio of La Salle goes for an acrobatic shot against Jonathan Pinera of Letran.

FOUR-TIME UAAP champion La Salle demolished NCAA titlist Letran, 84-66, while Far Eastern tripped UE, 69-65, to enter the finals of the Bantay Bata 163 showdown yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum.

Playing with youthful exuberance, the Archers leaned on a blistering third-quarter assault in shooting down the Knights, who played without their trademark intensity.

Joseph Yeo and Jerwin Gaco finished in double figures with 17 and 12 points, respectively, but they applauded from the animated La Salle bench as greenhorns Ryan Araña, Tim Gatchalian and Joseph Casio waxed hot in the face of token opposition from Letran, the only remaining NCAA team in this short tournament held by TV conglomerate ABS-CBN for the benefit of children's village.

The Tamaraws collide with the Archers at 4 p.m. today, after the 2 p.m. clash for third place between Letran and UE, winner of last year's Bantay Bata inaugurals.

"We're a young team and I told my players to just enjoy the game. We need this kind of exposure especially because it became kind of physical in the homestretch," said La Salle mentor Franz Pumaren.

La Salle also downed San Sebastian, which finished second to Letran in the NCAA finals, 75-63, last Thursday.

The score was still tied at 49-49 when La Salle dropped a telling 11-0 bomb from which Letran never recovered, 66-49, 1:32 remaining in the third period.

The Archers, with Yeo, Junjun Cabaut, Jose Aquino and Mark Benitez ruling the boards, surged to their biggest lead at 82-58, 3:42 left.

Scores:

First Game

LA SALLE 84—Yeo 17, Geco 12, Tang 9, Aquino 9, Benitez 9, Cabatu 8, Gatchalian 8, Casio 6, Arana 5, Gavino 1, Walsham 0.

LETRAN 66—Bautista 16, Enrile 11, Santos 7, Aldave 7, Aban 7, Pinera 4, Reyes 4, Ebajay 4, Fedelicio 3, Anabo 3, Reposar 0, Rodriguez 0.

Quarters: 20-22, 42-45, 70-54, 84-66.

Second Game

FEU 69—Miranda 15, Calli 13, Santos 13, Rizada 7, Isip 6, Jones 6, Chan 5, Razon 4, Sierra 0, Yabut 0.

UE 65—Yap 12, Estrada 11, Masbang 11, Booker 10, Artadi 10, Alminario 6, Omipling 3, Hubalde 2.

Quarters: 21-17, 37-43, 50-49, 69-65.

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RP golfers 25 shots behind hosts

THE SCORING turned ugly for a Philippine side still stunned by the sudden change in format yesterday as the Filipinos tumbled down to a share of 14th place in The Spirit International Amateur Golf Championship at the Whispering Pines Golf Club in Trinity, Texas.

There were no more gross scores to work for and Jerome Delariarte, whose six-under-par 66 was the best in the first round, turned his focus on birdies that hardly came. He ended up with two.

Juvic Pagunsan delivered a birdie contribution of three but another struggling effort by the RP ladies—Lora Roberto and Carmelette Villaroman— pulled the Filipinos down in the overall race.

The RP golfers finished with a best-ball 144 for the day and a 282 total. They stood

PAGUNSAN: Three birdies, 3 pickups

25 strokes behind the US team in the event that may have self-destructed with a format that gives importance to birdies and eagles and nothing else.

With the individual race turning into a mad chase for eagles and birdies, Delariarte stood two behind four joint leaders with his eight birdies and tied for second in the eagles department with one after two rounds.

Villaroman had nine pickups for the day, Roberto and Delariarte each had seven and Juvic three.

Meanwhile in Macau, Danny Zarate and Gerald Rosales both made the cut in the Macau Open. Danny Zarate carded a 75 for 143 to share 38th place at 143 while Rosales had a 74 for 145 and 61st spot.

Angelo Que rallied with a 68 but missed the cut by one at 146, Cookie LaO had 75-145 and Marlon Dizon shot 74-151.

In Japan, Frankie Miñoza birdied two of the last three holes for a 73 that got him to 40th spot in the second round of the Japan Open. Miñoza, who had a triple-bogey on the fifth, had a 144 total, seven off the leading Tasuhito Takahashi of Japan (70-137).

Jong Arcano

Big Epson Cup badminton field

THREE hundred-twenty shuttlecock artists have qualified for the First Epson Cup badminton tournament set Oct. 25-26 at the Pioneer Badminton in Mandaluyong City.

Tournament organizer Edmin Tarriela said the qualifiers from an original field of 450 aspirants, who went through a three-week grind, are now in training for the two-day event.

"Majority of the players train daily at Pioneer Badminton as they try to get the feel of the atmosphere of the real competition," said Tarriela, who also manages Pioneer Badminton, a sanctuary for badminton fanatics.

Randy Kanapi of Epson said the big field underscored how badminton had grown in the country in the last few years and "we're proud to support its development."

The players will be equally divided among four teams—Team Epson, Pioneer Badminton team, FHM and Whistlestop—and see action in either men's, women's or mixed doubles.

Play will be a single-round elimination with the pair accumulating the most number of points clinching the crown.

Heading the list of sponsors are Pacific Internet, Victor, FHM, Whistlestop and the Philippine Badminton Network. The other backers are Magic 89.9 WTM, Wave 89.1, 99.5 RT, 103.5 K-lite and the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

A street party at Whistlestop Libis with live performances from Brix Ferraris and an acoustic front act will coincide with the awarding ceremony.

Tarriela said FHM celebrities have also confirmed their attendance during the awarding ceremonies.

BASKETBALL: NBA Preseason—Heat vs Pistons; 7:30 a.m. (r-8 p.m.); Solar Sports

SOCCER: EPL; 9:55 p.m.; ESPN - Premiership powerhouse squads Arsenal and Chelsea slug it out.

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Troubles shake shooting, archery

By Marc Anthony Reyes

SHOOTING and archery, counted upon to bag medals in Vietnam, are being rocked by controversy with just over a month before the Southeast Asian Games.

Philippine National Shooting Association president Art Macapagal was put on the defensive yesterday following claims made by gold-medal contender Therese Cantada that the PNSA has been conducting competitions with "substandard and questionable officiating."

She also said the shooting association failed to do something about the shortage of guns and ammunition.

"The PNSA doesn't favor anybody," explained Macapagal. "In fact, all 22 shooters are only candidates as of now (for the Vietnam SEAG)."

Macapagal added that the shooters have already agreed to buy their own bullets and ask for reimbursements from the PNSA later on.

Cantada, many-time medalist in the Southeast Asian Games, reported that, during the Center Fire and Sport Pistol Events held on Oct. 12, the jury failed to assign competent range officers who ruled over each shot fired.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Olympic Committee has put into arbitration the archery association due to a leadership crisis, which sprung from the two constitutions the association follows.

The dispute broke out between newly elected National Archery Association of the Philippines president Dr. Leonor Brawner and former president Gen. Marlowe Pedregosa, who claimed that Brawner's election was against NAAP's 1982 constitution.

However, Brawner claimed that the 1982 charter doesn't apply anymore because the NAAP has been abiding by the 1995 constitution.

The POC has ruled that national coaches Henry Manalang and Clint Sayo will be the officers in charge until the POC arbitration has made its conclusion.

According to Cantada, the national team has no .22 caliber short for one year now and no .22 caliber long rifle for the past three years. There is also no ammunition for rifle and pistol teams since 2000, she added.

The Philippine Sports Commission said it has already made orders for .22 caliber short and rifle this week, intended for the shooters training for the SEA Games.

PSC spokesman Arsenic Lacson added that the PNSA only asked for shotgun ammunition.

Cantada also claimed there was "biased selection" of national team members for the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games.

She added that in the 50m rifle prone men, Julius Valdez was not selected despite breaking the individual criterion.

Cantada said she even protested when the target officer called her shots as 10-10-10-10-9-49, when it was actually 10-10-10-9-9-48.

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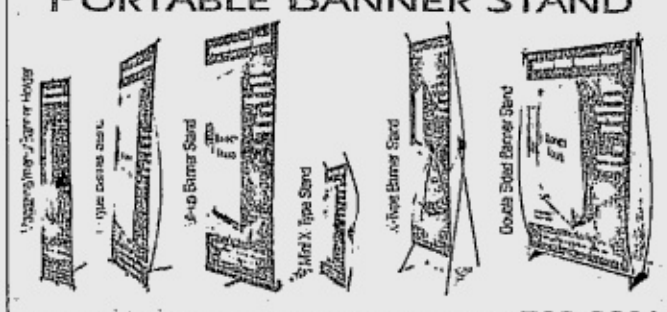
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Golf galore

GOLFERS in this nook of the globe, there is reason to celebrate. Starting in January, we will have a round-the-clock golf channel. It will be called Golf TV. It will be available 24 hours a day.

Plans are afoot for this TV spectacular to come our way the whole year through in 2004. I was told it's already 70-percent approved. The remaining 30 percent is all but a done deal. Formalities *na lang*.

Will that not be a jackpot for us, golf addicts?

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

Addiction to golf is much better than addiction to politics, not to mention prohibited drugs.

In golf, you don't tell lies or you'll either be penalized two strokes or disqualified. Mostly, you get disqualified. As when you declare a handicap higher than the one you have in another club if you are a member of several golf clubs. Even if awarding ceremonies are over—which means you have been declared the winner—you will still lose your trophy. And, more bitter and painful, your reputation, too. The tournament committee has the power to recall your victory if it so finds you have cheated on your handicap.

Listen to my Insan Taby (Tabaniag), the Philippines' Mr. Golf himself, making a ruling to disqualify, just very recently, a golfer who won using a handicap higher than his other handicap from another golf club of which he is also a member:

"Now, even if, under Rule 34 of the USGA-R & A Rules Book, a penalty in stroke play cannot be imposed after the competition has closed, there is an exception which says, 'A penalty of Disqualification shall be imposed after a competition has closed if a competitor returned a scorecard on which he had recorded a handicap which, before the competition closed, he knew was higher than that to which he was entitled, and thus this affected the number of strokes received (Rule 6-2b).'"

The player could have avoided disqualification if he had informed the Tournament Committee about the discrepancy in his handicap before he submitted his scorecard. That way, the Committee would have allowed him to rectify his mistake and his scorecard would have correctly reflected the strokes he had made for the competition before the awarding ceremonies began.

Before my Insan Taby submitted his recommendation to the tournament organizers and hosts, he first got the comments of Jake P. Ayson and myself as the three of us had composed the Rules Committee.

In the tournament's Conditions of Play, a violation on the handicap rule is Disqualification.

"We are a collegial body and we have to decide unanimously on this," said Insan Taby.

By all means, we acted in unison.

Golf, I keep saying here, makes you a better person. It is the game of a lifetime. If you are five or a hundred and five, you can play the game of finite thrill. There is no game that's farthest from perfection but closer to a man's intuition than golf.

No man has ever perfected the game, not even Tiger Woods, or Jack Nicklaus even in his prime. Always, the game's been known as the game of mistakes, never the game of perfection. The fewer mistakes you make, the bigger your chances of winning. It's the mistakes that teach you how to become a better person.

By the very nature of the game, golf gives us the strongest urge to cheat and only intuition will save a man from committing larceny.

Addiction to golf makes you a true-blue gentleman—that is, if you so consciously value your image, if not your character. You want to know the real person behind a person's name, make him play golf. I've known so many people lose their name, reputation and image, by simply playing the game. Numerous are the times when even our so-called statesmen and dignitaries have lost their self-esteem because of the game of golf. Like drinkers who can't handle their glasses, golfers can lose their names if they misuse their pencils more than their woods.

But back to this Golf TV thing.

As told to me by this giant of a man in the TV business, Golf TV will start off with the Phoenix Open in January. It will spark world-class golf events all the way to the Tour Championship by Coca Cola in November. All in all, there will be 32 tournaments for 2004. Not only that. Golf TV will also cover other non-PGA events, such as the Ryder Cup, Skins Game and many others.

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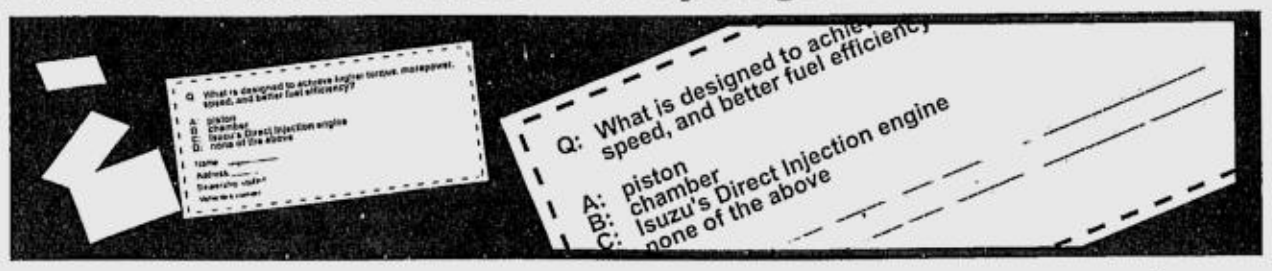

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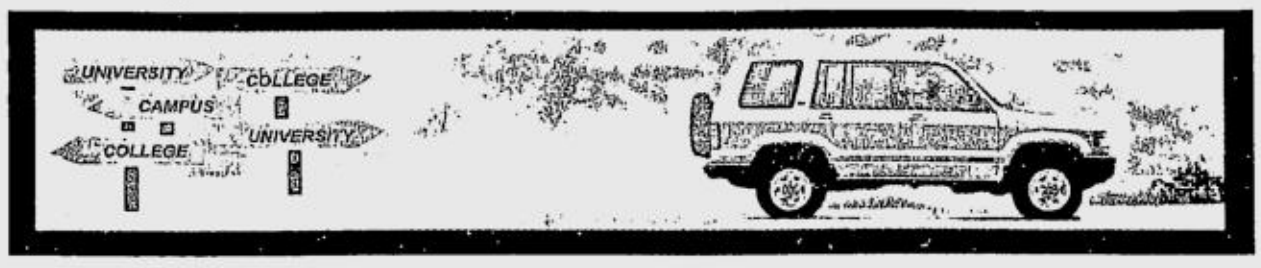

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Red Bull tops SMB for 7th straight win

By June Navarro

RED BULL held San Miguel Beer to only 11 points in the last quarter and escaped with a thrilling 73-70 victory last night in the Samsung-PBA Reinforced Conference at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Only three Beermen scored in the final period while the Barakos unloaded 20 points to secure their seventh straight win in a league second-best record of 8-2 behind Coca-Cola's 9-1 mark.

The Barakos, who drew impressive performances from Davonn Harp and Scott Burrell, trailed 53-59 at the end of the third period before coming up with an airtight defense that sent the Beermen down to their seventh loss in 11 games.

STANDINGS Group A	W	L
*Sta. Lucia	6	3
Alaska	3	5
FedEx	3	6
San Miguel	4	7
Purefoods	1	8
Group B		
*Coca-Cola	9	1
*Red Bull	8	2
Talk 'N Text	6	4
Ginebra	5	5
Shell	3	7

*Quarterfinalist

GAME TODAY (*Bacolod City*)
5 p.m.—Coca-Cola vs FedEx

The setback not only ended SMB's three-game winning streak but also pulled down the Beermen to fourth in Group A from second place.

Burrell, a former member of the NBA champion Chicago Bulls, led Red Bull with 20 points with Harp finishing with 13.

More importantly, Red Bull, already in the quarterfinals like Coca-Cola, remained unbeaten since Burrell's arrival.

San Miguel Beer import Kwan Johnson shot a game-high 23 points, but had two ill-timed penetrations in the dying moments that hastened the Beermen's downfall.

"It was a total team effort. I couldn't help but thank my teammates for the win. It was our toughest game so far because San Miguel can match up against us inside-out," said Burrell.

SPITFIRISH Joey Mente of San Miguel uses his speed to elude Enrico Villanueva of Red Bull in the fourth quarter of their game last night. RUDY ESPERAS

The Beermen must now sweep their last two assignments against the Alaska Aces and the Sta. Lucia Realtors to avoid complications going into the quarterfinals.

Meanwhile, the well-rested FedEx Express return to action against the league-leading Coca-Cola Tigers at 5 p.m. today in Bacolod City.

Set at the University of St. La Salle gym, the much-awaited encounter forms part of the Masskara Festival.

Already assured of a quarterfinal berth, the Tigers (9-1) are hoping to keep their firm hold of the Group B lead.

"I don't know if the long rest would do us good. But one thing's sure though, we will battle Coke to the end," said FedEx coach Boni Garcia.

Scores:

First Game

RED BULL 73—Burrel 20, Harp 13, Miller 12, Villanueva 9, Pennisi 8, Valenzuela 5, Torion 4, Tugade 2, Robinson 0, Baguio 0, Asaytono 0, Se 0, Hizon 0.

SAN MIGUEL 70—Johnson 23, Ildefonso 12, Hontiveros 11, Victoria 9, Peña 5, Racela 3, Belasco 3, Paras 2, Mente 2, Gahol 0.

Quarters: 15-18, 39-35, 53-59, 73-70

RP vying in world fishing tilt

MARK Rosales will spearhead the Philippine campaign in the second World Sport Fishing Championship on Oct. 21-23 in Yuesu City, South Korea.

Rosales will captain the 23-strong RP squad supported chiefly by Sen. Tito Sotto and Mustad Philippines.

The Filipinos are up against entries from 50 countries from five continents, including the United States, Australia, United Kingdom, Japan and China in the event considered as the Olympics of angling.

"With our long preparation, we are confident we can give the opposition a strong challenge," said Rosales. "With some luck, we might yet win honors for the country."

Rosales' teammates include Edwin Tecson, Jaime Ma. Flores, Juliet Ednalino, Bert Lingayo Sr., Dany Peña, Alejandro Alabat, Victor Ong, Potenciano Malvar, Alexander Ngo, Janet Caraga, Lelibeth Tan, Jose Bakani Sr., Wilfredo Albarico and Nixon Treyes (all for boat fishing); Federico Magat, Bert Lingayo Jr., Wilson Tan, Gonzalo Abejero, Bryan Ong and Oliver Cristobal (for surf casting). The support staff are headed by Bella Lingayo and Carlota Abejero.

Espinosa giving everything for homecoming title bout

By Percy D. Della, *Contributor*

DALY CITY, California—Luisito Espinosa scowls as he pummels away at a long black bag hanging from the ceiling of the gritty Fairtex Combat Sports Gym on Junipero Serra Boulevard.

Noel Rivera, his bosom friend and handler, calls over to him: "Hit it with all you've got, just as you would Baloyi."

That's Baloyi as in Cassius Baloyi, the IBO superfeatherweight champion. The 29-year-old Baloyi ranks high on the list of 35 illustrious South African fighters who have won 49 world boxing titles through the years.

But ring insiders say he faces a huge risk when he fights the veteran Espinosa at the Luneta Park in Manila on Dec. 19.

The experts say Baloyi's journey will be perilous because Espinosa is as cunning as any other tested fighter. San Francisco Chronicle boxing writer Jorge Ortiz noticed that "whatever boxing ability Espinosa has lost at 35, he's making up for in guile and ring savvy."

The usual hometown crowd will also factor in, but the more meaningful consideration is Luisito's new zest for another world title.

If the Tondo native beats Baloyi, he will enter the record books as the first Asian to bag three world titles in three separate weight divisions—having previously held the WBA bantamweight and WBC featherweight belts.

Baloyi (21-0, 9 KOs) defeated Espinosa's *compadre*, Tiger Ari of Laguna, to win the vacant IBO 130-lb. crown last April. He retained the championship with a late stoppage of Mbulelo Botile, a Londoner of South African descent last October.

Espinosa (47-11-26 KOs) is coming off a first-round TKO of Mexican Marco Angel Perez in Oakland seven months ago. Luisito considers the blazing win as redemption from a tough 8th round TKO loss courtesy of Zahir Raheem on ESPN TV in the fall of 2002.

In May 2002, after an 18-month respite from the ring, Espinosa demolished Colombian journeyman Ever Beleno in two rounds in front of world champion Oscar De La Hoya whose Golden Boy Promotions brought the fight to the Tank in San Jose.

Whether Luisito, who lives in nearby Pacifica, can win his homecoming bout in Manila is a matter for spirited debate that Team Espinosa would have no part of.

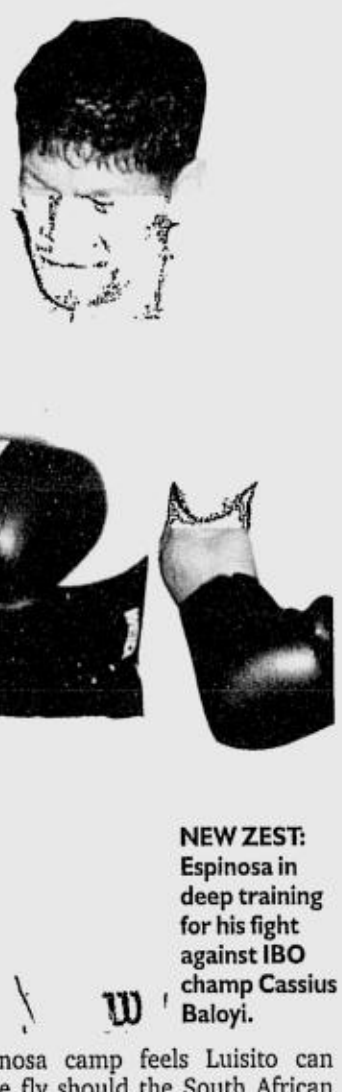
Instead, they—Luisito, Noel Rivera and trainer Dee Pooler—are bent on following a training regimen to transform Espinosa from a curiosity he has become in the eyes of many boxing aficionados, into a true legend.

"People can think whatever they want, but I'm not a quitter," Luisito says. "I have been down on my luck so many times but have bounced back and got up on my feet every time. I think the Manila fight is a challenge, but with the right frame of mind, I can win for myself, my family and the Filipino people."

Luisito sweats out with stop-and-go running, medicine ball calisthenics, aerobics, weightlifting, jaw and neck exercises (he lifts 20-lb weights wrapped in a towel with his teeth) and the usual skipping rope, punching bag and focus-mitts routine.

Pooler has limited sparring to 50 rounds. So far, his charge has logged 30 leisurely rounds spaced out at 4 rounds every other day.

Pooler plans to put Luisito on a rigorous sparring schedule three weeks before the fight, made possible with the help of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza. Luisito will face sparring partners to simulate Baloyi's moves and adjustments.



NEW ZEST: Espinosa in deep training for his fight against IBO champ Cassius Baloyi.

The Espinosa camp feels Luisito can adapt on the fly should the South African opt to come out as a slugger in one round, a boxer the next, or a puncher in the succeeding rounds.

"Luisito will peak just in time for the fight. Simulated sparring geared towards progression will prepare him for Baloyi," says Pooler, martial arts expert and a fixture in the Bay area boxing community.

"Cassius is a big, fast and strong operator—champion in every sense of the word," says Rivera, son of sports broadcasting icon Hermie Rivera, Espinosa's erstwhile manager. "For Luisito to beat him, we will prepare to go 15 rounds if we have to and this calls for peak conditioning."

SPORTSWATCH

Philippines 2nd in wheelchair caging

SINGAPORE—The Philippine team won three of its four assignments to finish second in the recent 1st Asean Wheelchair Basketball Championship at the Jurong East Sports Hall here. Playing with only nine men, the Philspada (Philippine Sports Association for Differently Abled) romped past Singapore (48-35), Malaysia (65-33) and Cambodia (71-40) after dropping its opening game to eventual champion Thailand, 58-65. The Filipinos, who were selected from participants in the 6th RP Wheelchair Basketball League, received their medals from Singapore Minister for Community Development and Sports Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim. PSC Commissioner Michael Barredo monitored the team's exploits and sent pep talks through SMS text messages.

Selecta-Moo cage camp today

RFM Corp., in line with its new tag line—We love kids—is bringing back the Selecta-Moo Shots basketball camp today and every Saturday until Dec. 13 except on Nov. 1. The Scientific Hoops Orientation and Training Sessions (SHOTS) started this camp last summer with over 400 kids in attendance. Norman Black is the camp director with Eric Reyes as assistant. Other coaches in the camp are Boyzie Zamar, Dong Vergeire, Francis Rodriguez, Beajing Acot and Ricky Magallanes. The current sessions will be held at the RFM Gym starting today. Level 1 will be from 1 to 3 p.m. while Level 2 will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Around 180 kids have confirmed their reservations.

Codiñera chess slated Oct. 25-26

THE 8TH Annual Codiñera Memorial Chess Championship will be held Oct. 25-26 at the Chowking-Remar Branch in Cubao, Quezon City. The event is divided into two sections: open and unrated. Games in the one-day unrated section will be from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. using the time control of 25 minutes per player. Registration is being accepted at the MCC headquarters at the 4th Flr of J & F Divino Bldg. at 967 Aurora Blvd., near Anonas St. in Quezon City or call 826-8560, 434-7542 or 0916-852-1069.

4-stag derby dangles P500,000 pot

BIG-TIME cockers collide in a special 4-stag derby beginning at 6 p.m. today at the New Las Piñas Cockpit. Dangling a P500,000 pot with an entry fee of P11,000, this derby will be hosted by the Ucap-LGBA screening committee headed by Rey Oliveros and supported by Mayor Nene Aguilar and Gerry Ramos. Participants include hotelier-sportsman Biboy Enriquez, sabong idol Patrick Antonio, Sonny Lagon, Maj. Bobby Doromal, LGBA president Boy Diaz, Rep. Lawrence Wacnang, Judge Paneda of Quezon City, Ucap president Raymond Velayo, Ricky Castillo, Mayor Nene Aguilar, Gerry Ramos, Ram Lopez, Gov. Ito Ynares, Cito Manansala and lawyer Art de Castro. The New Las Piñas Cockpit will also present the "JBB Blue Blade 5-Stag Derby" of Ucap stalwart Sonny Lagon on Nov. 8. For details, contact 873-1040.

Tonio cockfest kicks off at Roligon

MORE than 70 fights are in the offing in today's staging of Tonio 4-Stag Derby at the Roligon Mega Cockpit. Among the favorites are Mauro Prieto of Palawan, Richard Bates and former ambassador Danding Cojuangco, Raymond Velayo, Boy Diaz, Blandy Tolentino, Ricky Castillo, Ronnie Puno, Patty Herlihey, Dong Lacson, Paeng Arciaga, Joey de los Santos, Boy Marzo, lawyer Bautista and Jimmyton Araneta. Hosting the event is the powerhouse team of Mike Romulo, Tonio Patty Herlihey and RV Group while official screener is Dr. Jovy. For inquiries, contact 833-2275, 833-1638 and 0920-3074225. Meanwhile, the Blandy and Shio 4-Stag Derby is scheduled on Oct. 28. Entry fee is P11,000 while minimum bet is P5,500. Hosts are Renato Shio and Blandy Tolentino.

Lakers fans see James, look for Bryant

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Lakers fans got their first look at LeBron James but they really wanted to see Kobe Bryant. Bryant was in the building but did not dress against the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday. With Bryant getting ready to return to the court for the first time since he was charged with raping a teenage hotel worker, the Lakers scored 25 points in the final quarter en route to an 86-78 win over Cleveland. Laker coach Phil Jackson said that Bryant could be ready to play in his first pre-season game on Friday. While Bryant is arguably the National Basketball Association's biggest draw, James is considered to be his marquee successor. "He's definitely a talent," said Lakers' Karl Malone of James who recently signed an endorsement deal with Nike for over $90 million. *AFP*

Plantation-Midlands golf today

WITH a banner field expected and the challenging layout spruced up to championship form, the keenly awaited Plantation-Midlands golf tournament fires off today at the Midlands Golf Course in Tagaytay.

A spirited battle for top honors is seen in the tournament, which offers a world business class ticket to any US destination for the first hole-in-one courtesy of Northwest Airlines.

Using the two-man scramble format, at stake are titles in Group I for those with handicaps from 0-6; Group II (7-9) and Group III (10 and above). It will be an open classification for the ladies division.

To accommodate all pairs among members and friends of the Tagaytay Highlands and Midlands Golf Clubs, mixed teams have been allowed, with the female player teeing off from the white tees.

Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain, PSC commissioner Ambrosio de Luna and top officials of Belle Corp., headed by chairman Benito Tan Guat and vice chairmen Willy Ocier and Hans Sy, are expected to lead the banner field in the 18-hole tournament.

Sponsored by Caltex Starcard, Lacoste, Unilab, Perfect Smile Laser Whitening, GAOC, Oakley, Godiva and Fly Ace Corp., the event is part of the grand launch of "The Greenlands," otherwise known as the Plantation Hills, the third phase of Belle Corp.'s complex after the Tagaytay Highlands and the Midlands.

Also seeing action in the event aimed at fostering friendship among members of the exclusive residential estates of the Belle Corp. group are club president Jerry Tiu, general manager Nick Celdran and golf director Loy Bernardino.

Tee-off will be from 7 to 10 a.m. simultaneously on hole Nos. 1 and 10. Late registrants have until 6 a.m. today to sign up.

SanMig All Stars nip Zambo five

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Henry Fernandez drilled in a three-pointer from the top of the key with four seconds left to lift the San Miguel All Stars past the Zamboanga Selection, 83-82, before about 10,000 spectators at the newly built Zamboanga City Coliseum recently.

The game-winner came on the heels of Zamboanga slotman Terrence Uy's go-ahead basket, 17 seconds remaining.

Trailing 70-80, Noynoy Falcasantos sparked the touring squad's endgame blitz with a triple.

A lay-up by Eugene Quilban and a short stab by Nandy Garcia pulled the All Stars within 77-80, less than two minutes left. After a broken play by the home team, Falcasantos fished a foul on his way to the basket, 40 ticks left.

Falcasantos sank the front end of his charities but missed the second. Garcia collared the offensive rebound and tipped it in for the equalizer.

Fernandez, the former Purefoods gunner, has been shooting the lights out for the San Miguel Corp.-backed squad, hitting a tour record 12 treys in Laoag, Ilocos Norte, and matching that total in Digos, Davao del Sur.

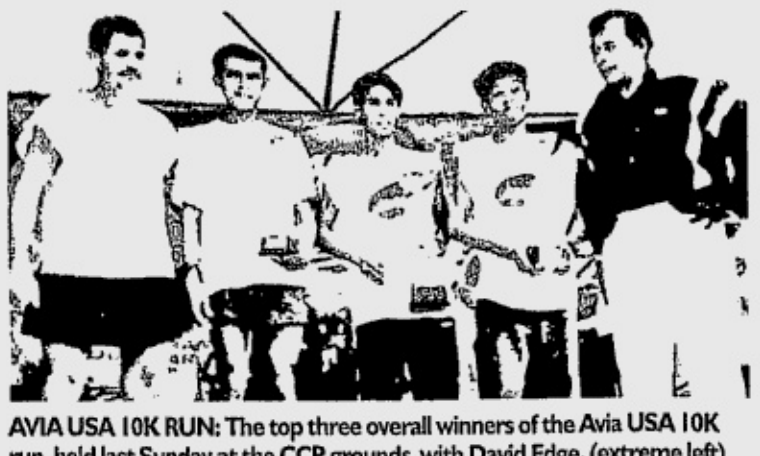
In the Zamboanga City stop, Fernandez had 30 points spiked by three triples.

Jacobsen fires 63, paces Chrysler Classic

GREENSBORO, North Carolina—Peter Jacobsen birdied his first six holes on his way to a spectacular 9-under-par 63 Thursday in the first round of the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro at Forest Oaks.

Stephen Ames carded a 64. David Toms and Japan's Shigeki Maruyama were at 65, while Davis Love, who has redesigned the course, carded a 70.

Jacobsen's round was the best first-round in Greensboro. *AFP*



AVIA USA 10K RUN: The top three overall winners of the Avia USA 10K run, held last Sunday at the CCP grounds, with David Edge, (extreme left) four-time Olympian from New York City, and Sen. Robert Jaworski (extreme right) at the awards rites. Event champion Alley Quisay (center) won the P10,000 cash prize while second placer Crescenciano Sabal and third placer Reynaldo de los Reyes received P6,000 and P4,000, respectively.

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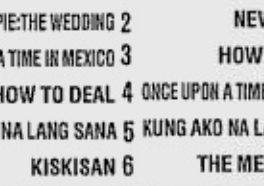

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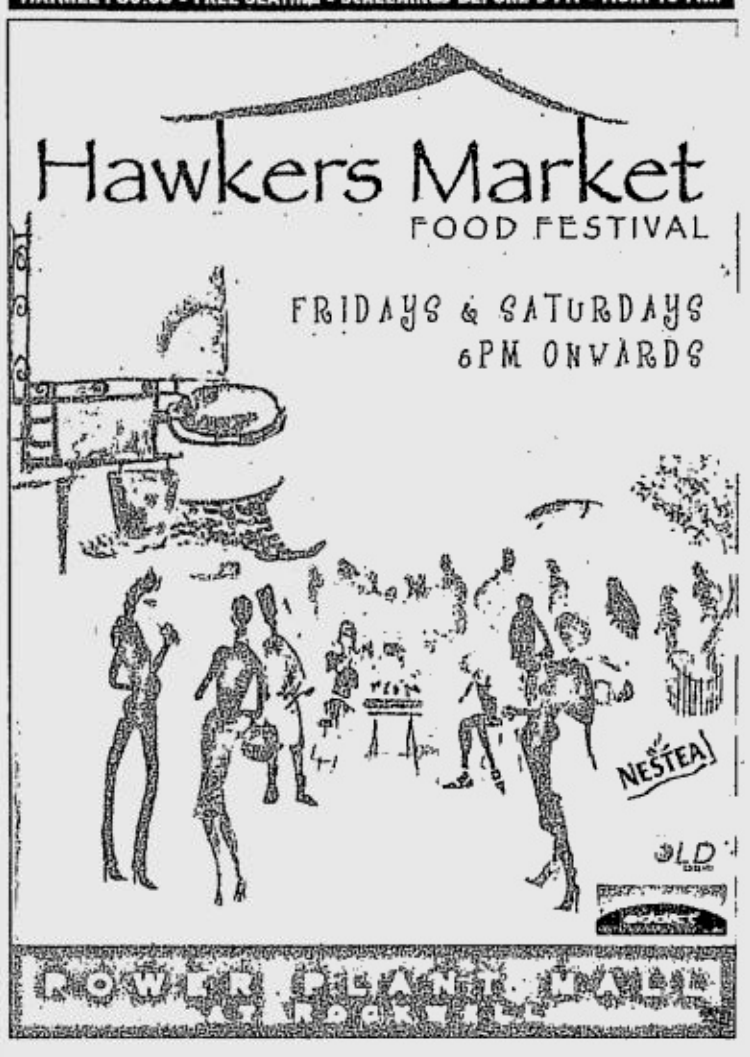

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Stackhouse to go under the knife

WASHINGTON—The Washington Wizards likely will be without swingman Jerry Stackhouse for the start of the 2003-04 National Basketball Association season.

Stackhouse is scheduled to undergo arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Tuesday in New York to determine the cause of the continued discomfort he is experiencing, Wizards president of basketball operations Ernie Grunfeld announced on Thursday.

A test taken last Tuesday revealed that Stackhouse suffers from chondromalacia, a wearing of the lining in the back of the kneecap.

Stackhouse recently signed a four-year extension worth $33 million. *AFP*

KDJM stakes P3M cash pot on derby day in Carmona

ALL roads lead to the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona,. Cavite, tomorrow as the Klub Don Juan de Manila (KDJM) stages the renewal of the Klub Don Juan Derby Day—a daylong parade of top money stakes and special races with a total cash pot of more than P3 million.

Spurred by the success of last year's inaugural races, the 2nd Don Juan Derby Day promises to bring back the prestige of the Grand Derby Races, local racing's original blue-ribbon classic.

"We at Klub Don Juan are truly proud to be in the forefront of efforts to re-establish the prominence of this revered racing tradition, a time-honored event that has served to highlight the contribution of local racing to the society," said club president Albert C. Trinidad.

Co-presented by the Manila Jockey Club Inc. (MJCI), host of the first-ever National Grand Derby Races in 1936, the Philippine Racing Commission and the PCSO, this year's festivities will be capped by five top money races bannered by the P1 million KDJM Derby.

The other stakes include the P500,000 KDJM Golden Girl Stakes, the P450,000 Philracom "Imported Stakes Series," the P300,000 Jose S. Cojuangco Jr. Sprint Cup, the P300,000 Don Antonio O. Floirendo Sr. Cup and the P300,000 KDJM Cup.

FORMER congressman and noted horseman Jose "Peping" Cojuangco (right) presides over the post position draw for the second Klub Don Juan Derby Day on Oct. 19 at the San Lazaro Leisure Park (SLLP) in Carmona, Cavite. Assisting him are Klub Don Juan de Manila president Albert Trinidad (left) and Philracom chairman Jimmy Dilag.

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Rene Fortaleza, Olympian, dies at 48

RENATO "Rene" Fortaleza, hardworking secretary general of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines, passed away last night due to a lingering illness. He would have been 48 on Oct. 30.

A Munich Olympian and one of the country's toughest fighters during his time, Fortaleza was gold medalist in the 1971 Asian Youth and the 1979 Asean boxing championships and silver medalist in the 1975 Asian boxing championships.

He became the Abap secretary general in 1989 when former Manila mayor Mel Lopez was the association's head.

He is survived by his wife Maribel, children Renmar, Raymond, Rene Boy, Rogelio and Ryan; parents Raymundo and Lorenza; brothers Roger, rey, Ricardo, Ramon, Teresito, Rolando and JR; and sisters Rosario and Angela.

His remains lie in state at the family residence in Antipolo City.

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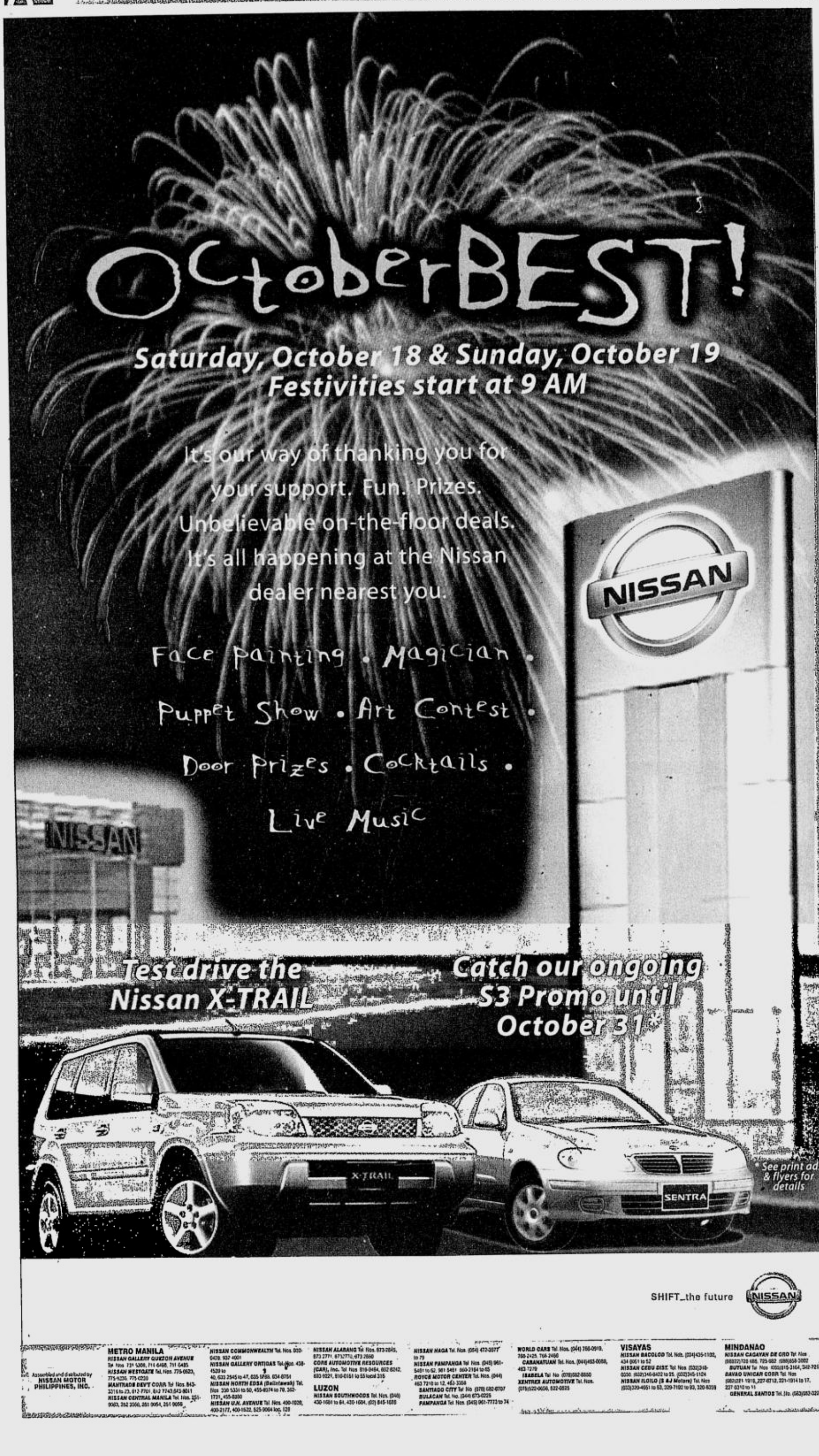

RFM 5 returns to PBL

By Dennis U. Eroa

FOUNDING member RFM returns to the PBL with the Sunkist-UST Tigers in the Platinum Cup on Nov. 8.

"PBL's new approach of tapping school-based teams opens the door for us to join as a guest team," said Joey Concepcion, RFM president and chief executive officer, a former league chair.

Concepcion said that the new approach of the PBL is in line with RFM's objective of youth basketball development and consistent with its new corporate "We love kids" campaign.

"The stint of FEU in the PBL was one of the reasons that contributed to the victory of the Tamaraws in the UAAP. It was a clear proof that the PBL is living up to its role as a development league in the country," said RFM executive Elmer Yanga.

The Sunkist-UST Tigers will become the fourth college team in the Platinum Cup after Ateneo (Hapee), La Salle (ICTSI) and UP (Blu Star Power).

UST representatives Fr. Ermito de Sagun, Teddy Perena and coach Aric del Rosario and Yanga finalized RFM's return.

Commissioner Chino Trinidad, who had earlier stressed the role being played by the PBL in developing collegiate players, welcomed RFM's return.

Yanga added that the Sunkist-UST Tigers is a young team hoping to spring some surprise against the favorites. "The Tigers will roar from time to time," he said.

Ateneo, La Salle ease tensions

TOP officials of De La Salle University-Manila and Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU) have devised ways for the two Catholic institutions to move on and appease supporters following tension-filled games played in the last UAAP basketball season.

DLSU-Manila interim president Dr. Carmelita Quebengco, president-designate Br. Armin Luistro, FSC, and AdMU president Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, SJ, took proactive roles in restoring ties and decided, among other things, that the two schools play in separate off-season tournaments.

This decision will lead to DLSU-Manila competing in the Bantay Bata tournament, and AdMU in the League of Champions.

Memos to their respective communities have been routed to send the message that the two universities are moving on after the UAAP basketball season, and have started discussions on programs beyond athletics.

In the same meeting held at Chateau 1771, the presidents of the two institutions also discussed collaborative programs in which the two schools can engage particularly in areas of education and service to the youth and the nation.

Skyflakes seeks CBL finals berth

TEAM Skyflakes guns for the other finals seat when it duels London Gin today in the last semifinal outing of the Corporate Billiards League (CBL) at the Robinson's Galleria.

The match, sponsored by Tanduay, The No. 1 Rhum, with the support of Rommel's Billiards, will be telecast at 8-9 tonight over the National Broadcasting Network after the PBA game, with Danny Romero and Recah Trinidad as hosts.

Skyflakes (1-1) is highly favored as it has Venancio Tanyo, a Southeast Asian Games veteran, Benedict Baay and Troy Danao.

But London Gin, currently 0-2, also boasts of tough strategists Antonio Gabica, trickshot ace Julie Falcon Guevarra and Allan Dulua.

Beer na Beer, skippered by internationalist Marlon Manalo, made it ahead into the finals.

The winning team will bag P100,000.

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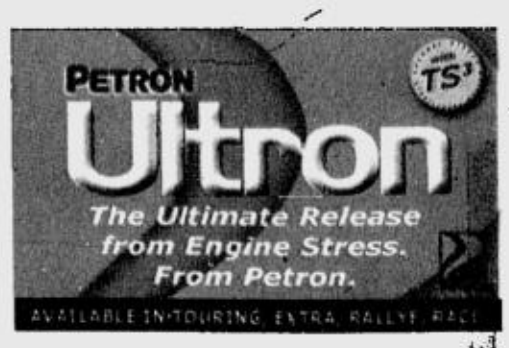

RP raises $1.05B from sale of bonds

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE PHILIPPINES raised $1.05 billion from the long-term global bond market following the sale Friday morning of $750 million worth of bonds maturing in 2014 and another $300 million maturing in 2025, meeting nearly half of its overseas borrowing needs for 2004.

Orders for the 10-year bonds reached more than $1.5 billion while the 22-year debt paper was also more than twice oversubscribed.

The Philippines, the biggest sovereign debt issuer in Asia outside Japan, sold the bonds to plug this year's budget deficit and prefund some of its fiscal requirements for 2004.

The government needed to raise $250 million to finance its remaining budget requirements for 2003.

It also wanted to start pre-funding its estimated $1.8-billion foreign financing needs for next year well ahead of May's presidential election, which was expected to increase volatility in the pricing of Philippine sovereign debt.

Some analysts expect the government to make another trip to the global debt market soon to raise more funds.

"We expect that the Philippine government will issue as much and as soon as possible given the upcoming May-2004 presidential elections and potential pre-election fiscal slippage," Barclays Capital said in a client note.

Another source said the government would likely go back to the global bond market by December or January to complete the $1.8-billion requirement in 2004 to avoid higher rates that could be caused by the May polls.

But Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said it was too early to talk about any further debt issuance. "It's too soon to be talking now because we have to digest what we are doing and see at the end of the day what has been accomplished and what still needs to be accomplished," Camacho told Reuters.

The 2014 reopening, which attracted $2 billion of orders, were priced at 99.50 to yield 8.32 percent, or 386 basis points (bps) over comparable US Treasuries, joint lead manager UBS Investment Bank said.

The 10.625 percent 22-year bonds were priced at 112.25 to yield 9.294 percent, or 398 bps over Treasuries. The longer-dated tranche attracted $1 billion of orders.

The Philippines has raised $3.3 billion from the global bond market this year, including $750 million for cash-strapped state firm National Power Corp. (Napocor), which had unsuccessfully attempted to tap the dollar bond market itself.

Asian investors took 47 percent of the 2014 reopening, European customers 22 percent and US clients 31 percent, while Asia accounted for 27 percent of the 2025 bonds, Europe 38 percent and the US, 35 percent, UBS said.

The Philippines' fiscal shortfall is expected to narrow to P197.8 billion in 2004 from P202 billion this year. It blew through three deficit targets in 2002, ending the year with a shortfall of P210.7 billion.

HSBC Securities and Morgan Stanley were the other joint lead mangers on the sale.

Payments deficit widens to $783M in 1st 9 months

THE DEFICIT in the country's balance-of-payments position widened to $783 million in the first nine months, reversing the surplus of $751 million a year ago as dollar outflow from trade, borrowings and investments continued to offset foreign exchange inflow during the period.

In September alone, the country incurred a BOP deficit of $130 million although this was slightly lower than the $152-million shortfall a year ago, documents from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed.

A BOP deficit adversely affects the peso because it indicates that more dollars are going out than the funds coming in.

A month ago, the peso acted up on reports that the payments deficit had increased to $653 million although the local currency had been stabilizing at the 54:$1 level in the last two weeks. It closed at 54.68 to a dollar yesterday.

Diwa Guinigundo, BSP managing director for economic research, said the BOP deficit widened due to debt repayments.

Closely watched by investors, the BOP indicates the country's ability to settle its obligations and is influenced by two items.

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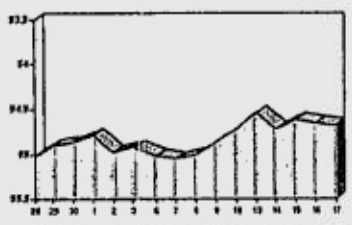

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Stocks steady ahead of Bush visit

STOCKS hardly budged yesterday as many investors remained on the sidelines ahead of a brief visit to the country by US President George W. Bush tomorrow, traders said.

The main index closed down 0.97 of a point, or 0.07 percent, at 1,367.33 points. For the week, it was up 1.6 percent, bringing year-to-date gains to 34.26 percent.

Turnover was a healthy P832.8 million from P731.3 million on Thursday.

• Market players will be watching to see if the eight-hour Bush trip goes off without any security scare after recent warnings that militant groups might try to take advantage of the visit to stage attacks.

Traders added that the market would also be looking to see if Bush announces any significant financial assistance package for the Philippines, which could help boost investor confidence in the country.

"People want to see the result of the visit. They want to make sure there are no security problems but they will also be looking for a possible investment or aid package. That would be a good incentive for foreign investors to come in," said Emmanuel Soler, a broker at Equitiworld Securities Inc.

Barring any significant announcement, the market was likely to continue to drift sideways on Monday as players continue to consolidate positions after a strong surge early this week and ahead of keenly awaited third-quarter earnings results.

Much of the focus was on phone firms, especially Globe Telecom after it announced late on Thursday that it would buy back up to 12 million of its shares from German giant Deutsche Telekom AG. Deutsche earlier said it was selling its entire 24.8-percent holding of common shares in Globe to co-owners Ayala Corp. and Singapore Telecommunications (SingTel). Ayala and SingTel agreed to give Globe an option to take part in the deal. Globe ended flat at P745.

Eagle Equities' Joey Roxas noted that while the buyback would aid the firm's earnings per share, the P8 billion required to buy the stock would see the company forego at least P400 million a year in interest income from its current cash pile. ***Reuters***

Lick a virgin

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

THIS fight over the airport terminal Naia 3, featuring the German firm Fraport and this cute administration of Gloriaetta, has come a long way from a mere shouting match.

Involved in that recent saliva-spurting, larynx-bursting incident were a Fraport executive and a Cabinet member of this cute administration.

The Philippine government wanted to cut a deal with Fraport, the biggest investors in Naia 3, on the payment for Fraport's interest in the project.

The Supreme Court ruled that the Naia 3 contract between the government and Fraport's local partner, Piatco of the Cheng family, was null and void.

Now the airport building was almost finished, and Fraport claimed that it already poured into the project hundreds of millions of dollars.

But just exactly how much the government must give to Fraport in the buyout, was the subject of that, er, "intense negotiation"—i.e. that shouting match.

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FOR payment, the Fraport executive demanded from the Cabinet member varying figures, ranging from a low of $425 million to a you-must-be-dreaming $575 million.

But the final offer from this cute administration was only $350 million. This was supposed to be the cost of the project, based on Piatco's original bid for the contract.

Besides, if this cute administration would pay Fraport more than the original bid, Fraport must confess where in heaven's name all that money went. Uh-oh.

Rumors had it that Piatco paid its way to the contract, and then it paid off some other guys to enhance the same contract later.

It is clear that Fraport could not validate its huge claim without admitting to some wrongdoing. It decided to take a different route—via blackmail.

Fraport cried to the World Bank, thereby embarrassing this cute administration, just when Gloriaetta was dead set on staying in Malacañang for six more years.

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FOR that, as far as I can see, is the only value of dragging the World Bank into this mess—for the media mileage.

It so happens that, in the scandal over the "Jose Pidal" bank accounts, a certain name connected to Piatco surfaced as a "contributor" to the accounts.

If the media could only play up the issue over Naia 3 again, then it would be possible for this cute administration to give in to the pressure from Fraport.

And then to make the threat seem real, somebody said that through the World Bank case, Fraport could then attach assets of the Philippine government abroad.

Really? Since when? And I thought that people would have believed such a preposterous claim, if only it came from somebody who was credible enough.

Between us girls, the "opinion" came from the father-in-law of a guy who stood as de facto chief-of-staff of a former DOTC secretary who was quite helpful to Piatco.

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TO this cute administration, nevertheless, Fraport's move involving the World Bank has no legal footing whatsoever.

You see, the Supreme Court is expected to issue its FINAL null and void ruling on the Piatco contract soon. The ruling is supreme over anything the World Bank says.

Well, the World Bank cannot just tell a sovereign state like the Philippines to allow a company like Fraport to rob its citizens in broad daylight.

Based on the contract, the users of the terminal will only shoulder the entire cost for the next 25 years, plus the $10 billion in profit for Piatco and Fraport.

Who are the airport users going to be in the next 25 years? Well, only mainly the poor OFWs who are being taken advantage of by everybody, including taxi companies.

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BESIDES, Fraport does not come to the World Bank with clean hands. It is a state-owned company. It must deal with politics in its own country.

Reports are that the big bosses in Fraport are in trouble. Roland Koch, the chair of the supervising board, is said to be resigning because of a scandal.

Wilhelm Bender, chair of the management board, faces accusation that his company rigged the bidding for a contract in the Berlin airport.

Under question was also Fraport's contract in Lima, Peru, in which some corruption charges were also brought out in media. In other words, this group has been to a sex orgy, and yet, it now claims before the World Bank that it is still a virgin.

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THAT never-been-touched Fraport claimed to the World Bank that officials of this cute administration, plus a law firm close to Gloriaetta, tried to extort money from it.

Still, up to now, both Piatco and Fraport still could not explain the $323-million contract with Takenaka of Japan for the Naia 3 equipment.

Piatco and Fraport still owed Takenaka about $90 million. In other words, the amount will be on top of whatever compensation given to Fraport. That's why, given such a mystery as the Takenaka contract, this cute administration has no idea up to how much it may be exposed in the project.

Needed still is an audit—both financial and technical audit. Where did all the money go, and are we getting our money's worth?

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IN its case with the World Bank, Fraport said bad things about Gloria Tan-Climaco, who was assigned by Gloriaetta to review the controversial Piatco contract.

In effect, according to Fraport, Tan-Climaco tried to ease out the Cheng family of Piatco, so that Fraport could get a new partner.

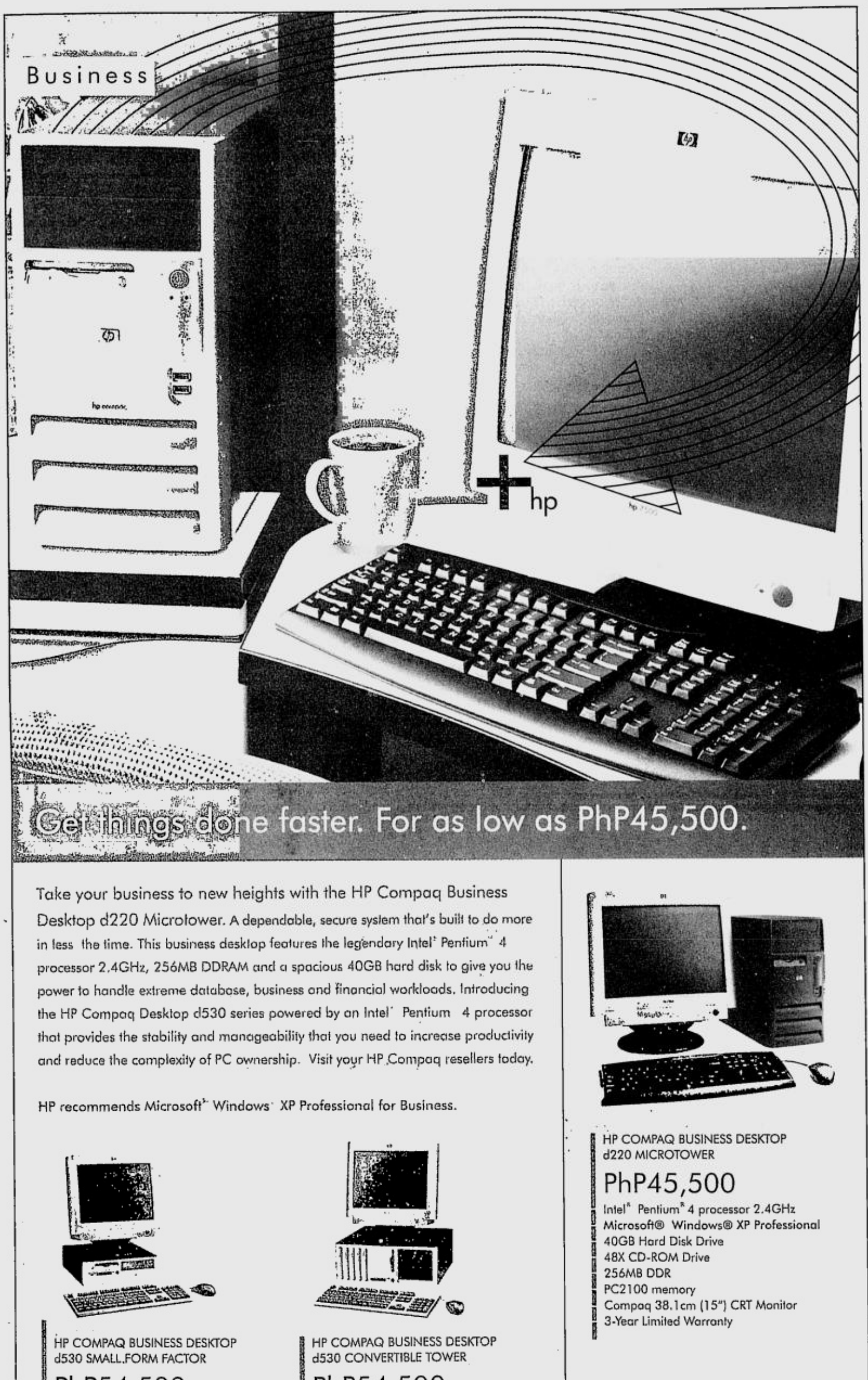
From what I gathered, nevertheless, it was Fraport which initiated talks with the Lopez, the Tantoco family, and the Yuchengco group.

At one time, word went around that Fraport also talked to Ricky Razon of ICTSI, but the government told Razon that it was his own lookout.

To this cute administration, no matter who would have ended up as Fraport's partner, if it succeeded in ousting the Chengs, the contract was still null and void.

Unfortunately for Fraport, Tan-Climaco documented all her meetings with the German executives through follow-up letters. She also kept their letter-replies.

That's the way to lick anybody masquerading as a virgin!



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Beyond Cable, creditors sign restructuring deal

By Abigail L. Ho

EUGENIO Lopez III

BEYOND Cable Holdings Inc. yesterday signed a memorandum of agreement with majority of its creditors to restructure about P2.5 billion worth of debt.

"The MOA will pave the way for the full merger of Philippine Home Cable Holdings Inc. and SkyCable Central CATV Inc. into Beyond and for a new investor to put money into the company," SkyCable chair Eugenio Lopez III told reporters in an interview.

He said majority of the cable firms' creditors had already agreed to the debt restructuring proposal that Beyond Cable submitted two months ago and there seemed to be "no major obstacles" to the signing of the actual restructuring agreement.

"The majority has agreed to restructure. The rest, they're going through the process of getting (executive committee) approval and board approval, but there are no obstacles and no resistance," Lopez said.

Lopez flagship firm Benpres Holdings Corp. owns SkyCable, while MediaQuest Holdings Corp. of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. Beneficial Trust Fund owns Home Cable.

Equitable-PCIBank, Bank of the Philippine Islands and the Development Bank of the Philippines have the biggest exposures in the two firms.

Lopez said BPI was the lone creditor that had not yet agreed to the restructuring proposal, but added that it could only be a matter of time before BPI approves that deal..

He also said that a new investor could come in to help raise some $30 million in new funds as soon as Beyond Cable's debts are restructured.

The funds would be used to encrypt Beyond Cable's program signals and purchase decoder boxes in a bid to combat piracy and introduce the tiered programming system.

Philippine Cable Television Association president J. Manuel Dabao said in an earlier interview that going into a tiered programming system would cost cable companies at least P500 million to scramble the channels and install the decoder boxes.

"It costs around $3,000 to scramble just one channel. There is also a package that costs P1 million for three channels. Operators can do this on a staggered basis but they will have no choice but to employ this new system as this is cable television's natural path," he said.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of October 17, 2003)

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BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	27,400
Bank of the Phil. Islands	46	46	45.5	46	568,100
China Banking Corp.	660	660	660	660	2,760
Citystate Savings Bank	15	15	15	15	1,800
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	35	36.5	35	36	269,200
Export And Ind. Bank Inc.	0.77	0.8	0.77	0.8	3,600,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	28.5	29	28	28	193,700
Philippine National Bank	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	49,400
Phil. Savings Bank	27	27	27	27	7,300
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	13.25	13.5	13.25	13.5	536,500
Union Bank of the Phil.	32.5	32.5	32.5	32.5	300
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
First Abacus Financial	0.35	0.35	0.33	0.33	20,000
Filipino Fund Inc.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	10,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1535	1535	1535	1535	50
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	75,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1330	1350	1330	1340	5,150
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	4,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	3,100,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	740	750	740	745	171,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.046	0.046	0.045	0.045	7,200,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.046	0.046	0.045	0.045	4,900,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	20,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3	3	3	7,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	0.87	0.88	0.83	0.84	12,330,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	10,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	710	715	705	705	626,500
Ivantage Corp.	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	100,000
Philweb Corp.	0.012	0.013	0.012	0.013	18,300,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	14.5	14.75	14.5	14.75	98,500
Manila Electric Co. B	22.25	22.25	21.75	21.75	661,100
Petron Corp.	2.04	2.06	2.04	2.04	1,487,000
Salcon Power Corp.	2.02	2.02	2.02	2.02	1,000
Trans-Asia Oil And Energy	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	30,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	3	3	2.95	2.95	160,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	110,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.66	1.66	1.66	1.66	100,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.05	3.1	3.05	3.1	206,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	30.5	30.5	30	30	29,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.25	211,200
RFM Corp.	0.73	0.75	0.73	0.73	340,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	140,000
San Miguel Corp. A	56	56.5	56	56.5	53,600
San Miguel Corp. B	62.5	62.5	62	62	543,100
Vitarich Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	4.95	5	4.95	4.95	3,594,000
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	270,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	3.4	3.4	3.35	3.35	178,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031	300,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	60,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	5,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.7	1.72	1.7	1.72	40,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	14,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.63	0.63	0.61	0.61	6,810,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	150,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.155	230,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	750,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	60,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	18.75	18.75	18.5	18.5	326,300
Ionics Inc.	1.68	1.76	1.68	1.74	2,237,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	139,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	10,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.04	1.06	3,455,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32	10,370,000
Music Corp.	0.42	0.42	0.4	0.4	2,020,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.28	0.29	0.28	0.29	270,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	100,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp.	7	7	7	7	1,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	1,000,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.61	0.62	0.61	0.61	4,550,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	350,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.34	0.37	0.34	0.37	110,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	29	29	28.5	28.5	304,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series P	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series R	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	800
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,200
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	3,700
Philweb Corp. - Warrants	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	68,000,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	5	5	5	5	8,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	2,602,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	20,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	800,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.25	0.26	0.245	0.25	890,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.16	1.18	1.16	1.18	3,067,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.215	600,000
SM Development Corp.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	4,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8	4,866,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	200,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.2	1.2	1.12	1.12	67,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.245	0.25	0.245	0.245	12,840,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.32	0.34	0.32	0.33	22,580,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.009	0.009	0.0085	0.009	104,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.009	0.009	0.0085	0.009	165,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.33	1,280,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.34	0.35	0.34	0.34	130,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	60,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	10,000,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.024	0.024	0.023	0.023	2,000,000

CURRENCIES

October 17, 2003 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.862887221	1.000000	54.647000
Japan	Yen	0.007853	0.009101	0.497300
United Kingdom	Pound	1.44361	1.673000	91.424400
Hongkong	Dollar	0.111476	0.129189	7.059800
Switzerland	Franc	0.646358	0.749064	40.934100
Canada	Dollar	0.654595	0.758610	41.455800
Singapore	Dollar	0.495628	0.574383	31.388300
Australia	Dollar	0.595999	0.690703	37.744800
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.288947	2.652661	144.960000
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.230104	0.266667	14.572600
Brunei	Dollar	0.494208	0.572738	31.298400
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000102	0.000118	0.006400
Thailand	Baht	0.021697	0.025145	1.374100
United Arab Emirates	Dirham	0.234953	0.272287	14.879700
European Monetary Union	Euro	1	1.158900	63.330400
ArgentinaPeso	0.3033	0.351494	19.208100	
Brazil	REAL	0.303513	0.351741	19.221600
Denmark	Kroner	0.134616	0.156006	8.525300
India	Rupee	0.019053	0.022080	1.206600
Malaysia	Ringglt	0.227106	0.263193	14.382700
Mexico*	New Peso	0.076491	0.088645	4.844200
New Zealand	Dollar	0.513318	0.594884	32.508600
Norway	Kroner	0.121325	0.140603	7.683500
Pakistan	Rupee	0.015006	0.017391	0.950400
South Africa	Rand	0.123587	0.143225	7.826800
Korea	Won	0.000734	0.000851	0.046500
Sweden	Kroner	0.111444	0.129152	7.057800
Syria	Pound	0.020545	0.023810	1.301100
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025582	0.029647	1.620100
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000541	0.000627	0.034300

Bayantel earmarks ₱500M for fiber-optic project

By Abigail L. Ho

LOPEZ-OWNED Bayan Telecommunications Inc. has invested more than P500 million for a fiber-optic project that would provide voice and data services to buildings in various business districts nationwide.

The project dubbed I-City, or Intelligent City, aims to create a "community of buildings" that will allow their tenants to take advantage of Internet protocol (IP)-based connectivity services, BayanTel chief consultant Tunde Fafunwa said during the project's launch Thursday evening.

"We'll build this network through partners and tools in six to 18 months so it's not going to be just a BayanTel network. We'll offer the buildings' tenants not just connectivity but the full range of services that BayanTel has to offer," he said.

The P500-million investment will be infused over two years and will cover three phases. The project will be financed with company funds.

Fafunwa said the first two phases of the project mainly involved the establishment of an I-City network in Metro Manila composed of buildings scattered all over central business districts like the ones in Makati and Ortigas.

The third phase of the project, Fafunwa said would likely include not just fixed voice and data connectivity but a wireless component as well.

This will target mobile data users—whether by cellular phones, laptops or personal digital assistants—that worked within areas covered by the I-City initiative.

For the first phase of the project, which was launched Thursday, several buildings in Makati had already availed themselves of I-City services. These included Enterprise Towers, RCBC Plaza and Rufino Towers on Ayala Avenue, Bank of the Philippine Islands and The World Center on Buendia Avenue, all in Makati City.

"The program addresses the network infrastructure required for buildings to attract the influx of call center and business process outsourcing companies that are setting up their operations in the country," BayanTel vice president for corporate and business markets Junie Pama said.

Jollibee embarks on reorganization program

By Doris C. Dumlao

FASTFOOD giant Jollibee Foods Corp. has approved a reorganization strategy involving the consolidation of its subsidiaries and the establishment of a new offshore unit to handle its investments in the United States.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, JFC chief finance officer Ysmael Baysa said the board directors and shareholders of the company had approved the merger of Superior FSC Foods Corp. and FSC Foods Corp. with JFC, which will be the surviving entity.

Superior FSC is a wholly owned unit of JFC which owns 100 percent of FSC Foods and 90 percent of Tokyo Teriyaki Corp., a California-based Japanese fast-food restaurant that was acquired by the group last year as part of its offshore diversification strategy.

Also approved were measures related to JFC's reorganization, including the incorporation in the US of a wholly owned holding company.

While JFC has a number of Jollibee stores now operating in the US, it plans to further expand its presence in that country by putting up more stores not just for the Jollibee brand but for Tokyo Teriyaki as well.

JFC expects to spend about $300,000 to put up each new store in California.

JFC is also planning to bring the Tokyo Teriyaki house brand to the Philippines.

Payments

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One is the current account that reflects movement in trade and the other is the capital and financial account that mirrors the flow of investment and borrowings.

The $250-million inflow from the 15-year bond issue of National Power Corp. and the hundreds of millions in remittances from overseas Filipino workers were not enough to offset the outflow from debt and import payments.

This year, the BSP estimated that the BOP deficit would reach $1.13 billion while the current account would yield a surplus of $1.7 billion. In 2004, the BSP's new forecast was for the BOP to hit a surplus of $1.7 billion and the current account surplus to drop to $1.1 billion.

The revised outlook for 2004 was based on expectations that exports would grow by 10 percent and imports by 11 percent from 3 percent and 8 percent in 2002.

The central bank is counting on government borrowings and a mild growth in exports to help boost the dollar reserves as well as the external payments position.

While the government has reduced its external borrowings this year by $500 million to only $1.9 billion, it has pre-funded about $800 million of its $1.8-billion requirement for next year. *Clarissa S. Batino*

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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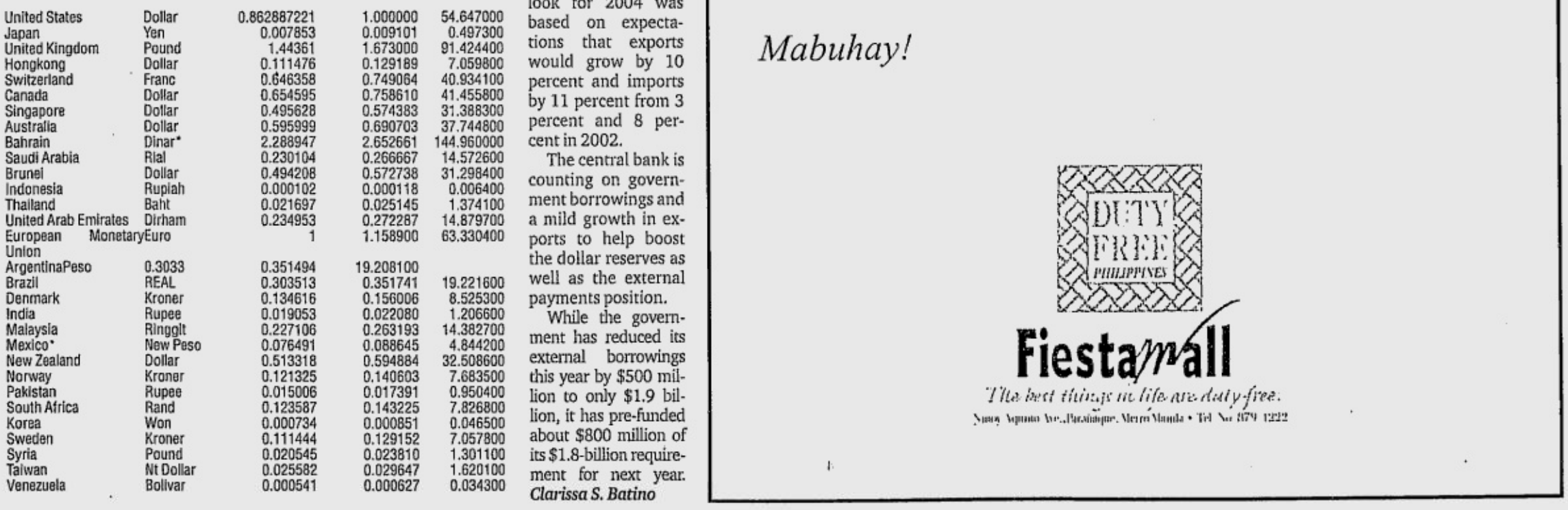

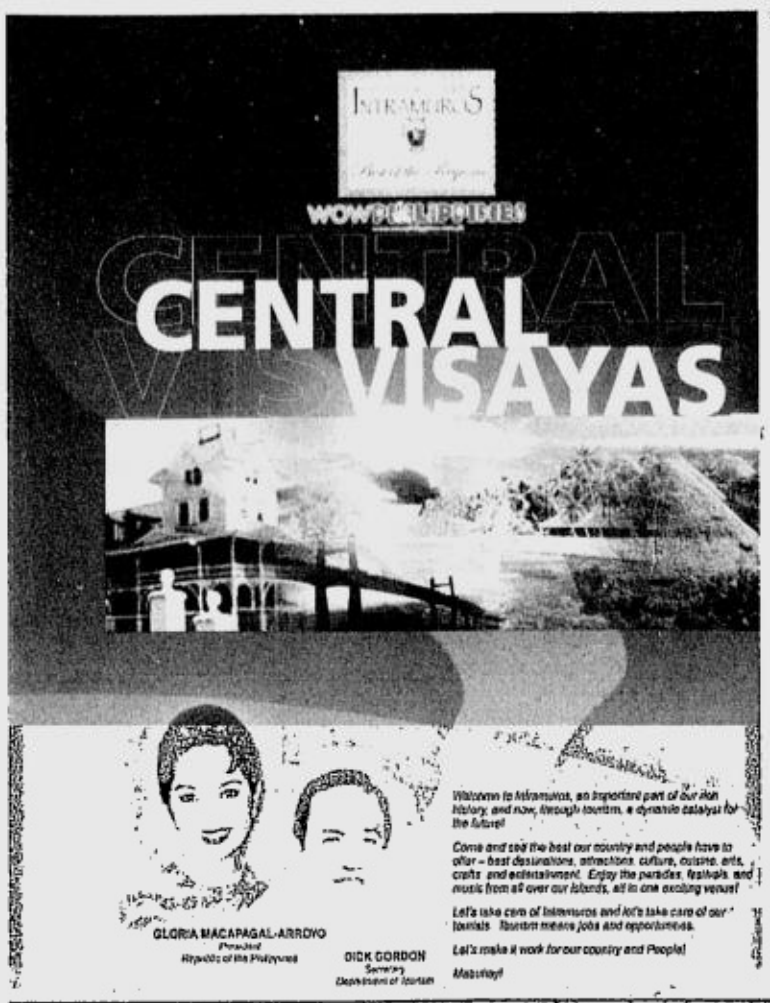

CENTRAL VISAYAS WOW!

13 October, Monday

1 AM INGRESS

14 October, Tuesday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
2 pm Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps – (Clarkshell)
4 pm Lecture on "How to Hotel a Festival" – (Clarkshell)
5 pm Sinulog by Tribu Kandaya, Casa Gorordo – (Plaza San Ignacio)

15 October, Wednesday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
11 am Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps – (Clarkshell)
12 nn Opening of the Regional Food Festival with Sinulog
Performance by San Diego and ARTMOVS CEBU – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
3 pm On The Spot Painting – (Hope Hut)
4 pm Lecture on "How to Hotel a Festival" – (Clarkshell)
6 pm Sinulog Festival – (Clarkshell)
8 pm Transparency Band (Tanjay) – (Clarkshell)

16 October, Thursday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
11 am Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
CHU-Diwa Sugbo – (Century Park Hotel)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
4 pm Lecture on "How to Hotel a Festival" – (Clarkshell)
6 pm Sinulog Festival – (Clarkshell)
7 pm Anna Chena Works of Arts Fashion Show
ARTMOVS Cebu – (Century Park Hotel)

17 October, Friday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
11 am Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
ARTMOVS Cebu – (Century Park Hotel)
GRAND OPENING
4 pm PAG-ABOT (Opening of the Clarkshell Travel Mart Walk Through)
SAKRUD SA DALAN I Street Dancing at Sta. Lucia & Anda Streets)
PASUNGKAYO – (Plaza San Ignacio)
- Mardagat
- Kasadsad
- Subli
- Tayo-Tayo
- Sinulog
- Sinulog
- Sandugo
- Sayong
- Kadugayan sa Madiyo

TOAST
MERIENDA CENA – (San Ignacio Ruins)
CHU-Diwa Sugbo – (Clarkshell)

18 October, Saturday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
ARTMOVS Cebu – (Century Park Hotel)
6 pm Pompadomy Band of Tanjay – (Century Park Hotel)
CEBU DAY
VENUE: Streets in Intramuros (STREET DANCING)
10 am Kinabalan Festival
11 am Sinulog by Tribu Kandaya
12 nn Kadugayan sa Madiyo
1 pm Mardagat Festival
2 pm Kadugayan sa Madiyo
3 pm Kalakalan Festival
4 pm Sinulog by Tribu Kandaya
5 pm Mardagat Festival
VENUE: CLARKSHELL
10 am CHU-Diwa Sugbo & Chorus
11 am USC Dance Troupe
12 nn Mandaue School of Arts
1 pm SWU Arts Corps
2 pm Dance Sports Kidz, Kinompetka Dancers
ZuYirong Dancer & UC Theater Workshop Co
3 pm CHU Diwa Sugbo & Chorus
4 pm USC Dance Troupe
5 pm San Diego Dance Troupe
6 pm CHU Diwa Sugbo & Chorus
7 pm SWU Arts Corps
8 pm CHU Diwa Sugbo & Chorus
VENUE: PLAZA SAN IGNACIO
10 am "SING-LIVE" - In Intramuros
1-5 pm Cebu Festivalitiba turn-in performing at the Plaza
2 pm "CHIKUNAHAN TA" Live in Intramuros
7 pm THE BEST OF CEBU

19 October, Sunday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
NEGROS ORIENTAL DAY
10 am DEMO Bodbod Making of Tanjay
Weaving Abaca Penukpok of Davao – (Hope Hut)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
ARTMOVS Cebu – (Century Park Hotel)
1 pm Pamana Inc. Dances Ensemble – (Clarkshell)
2 pm Bais City Rondalla & Bais City Dance Group
"Salamasa Kinabuhi" – (Clarkshell)
3 pm Tanjay City Sayawit & Sayong Festival – (Clarkshell)
4 pm Ayungon Sayawit Champion – (Clarkshell)
Dugtuan Street Dance Champion "Tayo-Tayo" Festival of
Bayawan City – (Anda & Sta. Lucia Streets)
5 pm Dumaguete Performers – collaboration of the
Dumaguete City Universities & Colleges in Song, Dance &
Drama, SU Culiram & Pamana Inc. – (Plaza San Ignacio)
6 pm Silliman Concert Band – (Clarkshell)
7 pm Fashion Show of indigenous materials from Dauin &
other parts of Negros Oriental. A collaboration of
creators of Negros Oriental Couturiers with dance numbers
from the UCV Dance Studio – (Plaza San Ignacio)
8 pm Ballroom Dancing with Tanjay Transparency Band
– (Plaza San Ignacio)

20 October, Monday

11 am Regional Food Festival with Mariinel Festival
– (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
ARTMOVS Cebu – (Century Park Hotel)
12 nn CHU Diwa Sugbo & Fashion Show by Jay Bonnaldo
– (Century Park Hotel)
6 pm USC Dance Troupe & SWU Arts Corps
– (Century Park Hotel)
MORNING CLEAN UP – (Clarkshell)
3 pm Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
3 pm On The Spot Painting – (Hope Hut)
4 pm Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps (Clarkshell)
5 pm CHU-Diwa Sugbo – (Clarkshell)
5 pm Sayong Festival – (Anda & Sta. Lucia Streets)
6 pm USC Dance Troupe – (Clarkshell)
7 pm Visions Cebu – (Clarkshell)
7 pm Fashion Show by Philip Rodriguez
– (Century Park Hotel)

21 October, Tuesday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market (Clarkshell)
10 am CHU-Diwa Sugbo – (Clarkshell)
11 am Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival Century Park Hotel – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
ARTMOVS Cebu – (Century Park Hotel)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
4 pm Lecture on "How to Hotel a Festival" – (Clarkshell)
5 pm CHU-Diwa Sugbo – (Clarkshell)
6 pm Sinulog Festival – (Anda & Sta. Lucia Streets)
7 pm Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps – (Clarkshell)

22 October, Wednesday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
10 am CHU-Diwa Sugbo – (Clarkshell)
11 am Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
ARTMOVS Cebu – (Century Park Hotel)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
3 pm On The Spot Painting – (Hope Hut)
4 pm "Central Visayas Goes Culinary" Fun Showcase – (Clarkshell)
5 pm CHU-Diwa Sugbo – (Clarkshell)
6 pm Sinulog Festival – (Anda & Sta. Lucia Streets)
8 pm Transparency Band (Tanjay) – (Plaza San Ignacio)
9 pm Philharmonic Orchestra & San Miguel Chorale with Ryan
Cayabyab – (Makati Plano Luneta de Sta. Teresa)

23 October, Thursday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
10 am CHU-Diwa Sugbo – (Clarkshell)
11 am Cultural Show by SWU Arts Corps – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
ARTMOVS CEBU – (Century Park Hotel)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
4 pm Lecture on "How to Hotel a Festival" – (Clarkshell)
5 pm Sinulog Festival – (Anda & Sta. Lucia Streets)
6 pm Diwanag Dance Troupe of Holy Name University
– (Century Park Hotel)
7 pm Transparency Band (Tanjay) – (Plaza San Ignacio)

24 October, Friday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
10 30 am Cebu Performing Arts Co featuring USJR – (Clarkshell)
11am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
ARTMOVS Cebu – (Century Park Hotel)
BOHOL DAY

25 October, Saturday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
12 nn Cebu Performing Arts Co featuring USJR – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
4 pm Cebu Performing Arts Co featuring USJR – (Clarkshell)
6 pm San Vicente Fiesta Caravan – (Plaza San Ignacio)
7 pm Cebu Performing Arts Co featuring USJR – (Century Park Hotel)
TANJAY CITY DAY

26 October, Sunday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
BOHOL DAY
10.30 am Stilt Festival – (Clarkshell)
10 am Ceramics Making/Basket Weaving/Bracelet Making
with Healing Medicine/Pulse Making – (Hope Hut)
1 pm Rondalla Ensemble – (Clarkshell)
2 pm Healing Practices of Siquijor "Bolo-Bolo" – (Clarkshell)
4 pm Turtle Making – (Hope Hut)
6 pm Siquijor Cultural Show (Songs & Dances with Sculptor's
Band) – (Clarkshell)
10 pm CONCERT featuring "Island Melody Band" – (Plaza San Ignacio)

27 October, Monday

11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
MORNING CLEAN UP – (Clarkshell)
3 pm Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
3 pm On The Spot Painting – (Hope Hut)
4 pm Diwanag Dance Troupe of Bohol – (Clarkshell)
5 pm Cebu Performing Arts Co. featuring USJR – (Clarkshell)
6 pm Bohol Artists – (Clarkshell)

28 October, Tuesday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
10 30 am Cebu Performing Arts Co featuring USJR – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
4 pm Bohol Performers – (Clarkshell)
5 pm Cebu Performing Arts Co featuring USJR – (Clarkshell)
6 pm Sinulog Festival – (Clarkshell)

29 October, Wednesday

10 am Regional Travel Mart and Cultural Market – (Clarkshell)
10 30 am Bohol Performing Group – (Clarkshell)
11 am Regional Food Festival – (Century Park Hotel)
Pacific Trades Furniture Showcase – (Century Park Hotel)
3 pm Bodbod Making with Sayawit – (Clarkshell)
3 pm On The Spot Painting – (Hope Hut)
4 pm CLOSING CEREMONIES – (Plaza San Ignacio)
PASUGUIDAD 1 – Dinawa's Children Rondalla
PASUNA – "WOW" Presentation by the Cebu Performing Arts Co.
featuring USJR
PASUNGKAG 2
- Cebu Performing Arts Co. featuring USJR
- Diwanag Dance Troupe of Holy Name University (Bohol)
- Sinulog
- Siquijor Artists
- Negros Oriental Artists

FINALE – USJR with Manila Artists
COCKTAILS at the San Ignacio Ruins
FIREWORKS DISPLAY

30 October, Thursday

10 pm Start to EGRESS

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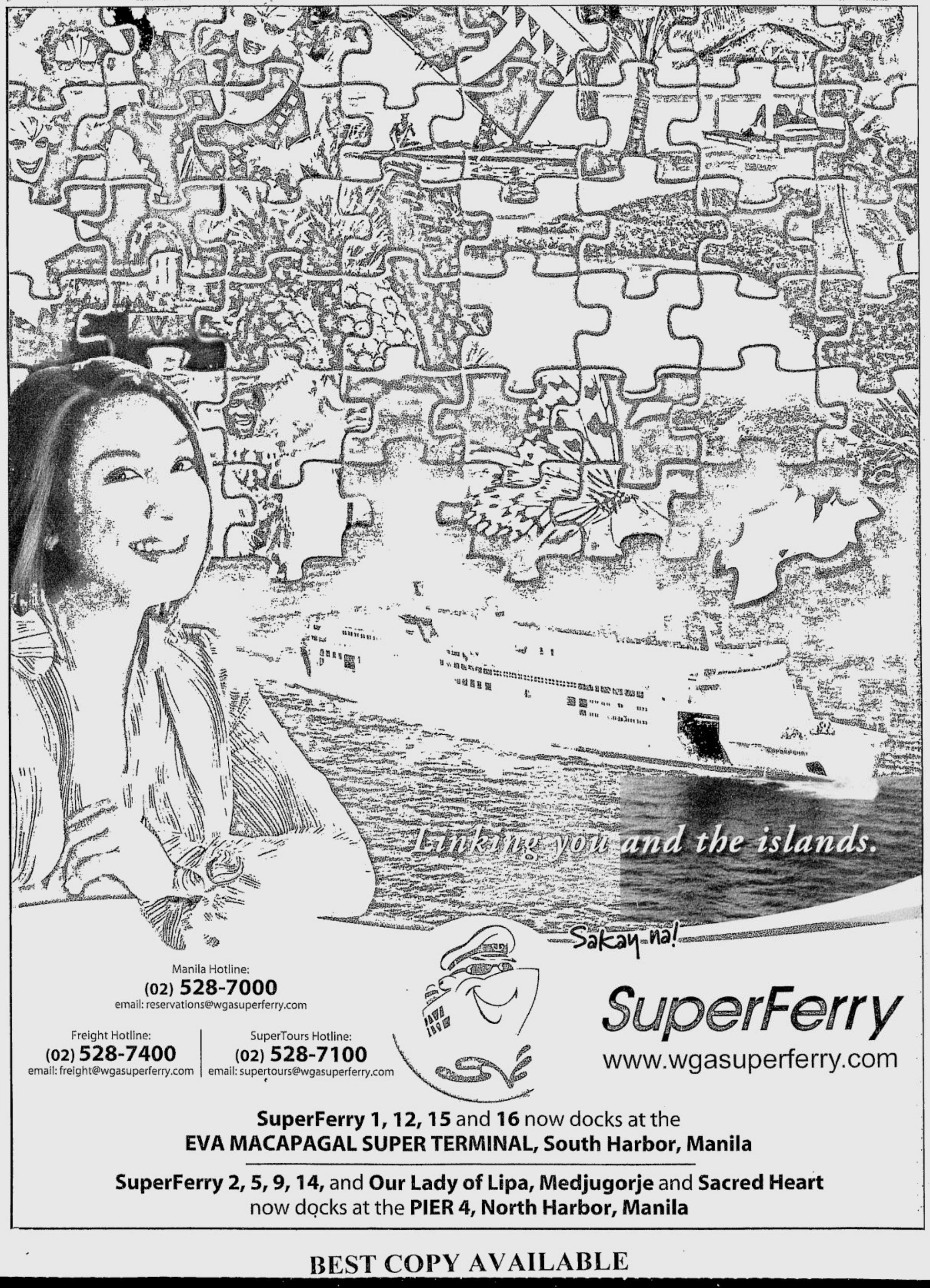

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FMC refocuses business thrust

By Michelle V. Remo

FRANCISCO Motor Corp. is focusing its business on the production and exportation of jeepneys after losing its right to assemble and distribute Mazda pick-up trucks.

FMC chair Fernando Francisco said this was in line with the company's rehabilitation program that also involved the restructuring of its debt worth P1.7 billion and the streamlining of its operations.

Ford Motor Co. took over the assembly and distribution of Mazda. FMC used to depend largely on the sale of Mazda pick-up trucks for revenue.

Francisco said FMC was planning to export jeepneys to Sierra Leone in Africa and to Papua New Guinea where demand for jeepneys had been increasing.

He said FMC had already submitted an offer to the government of Papua New Guinea for the supply of jeepneys. Philippine Ambassador to Papua New Guinea told FMC that this country has an initial requirement of 4,000 jeepneys.

Francisco said Papua New Guinea and Sierra Leone are planning to bring in jeepneys from the Philippines as part of their plan to diversify their public transport utilities.

Francisco said the company's initiative to work on an export program was intended to keep FMC alive as it reels from its huge obligations to its creditor-banks.

However, FMC is still in search for funds to be able to support the production of jeepneys for export. Francisco said FMC needed at least P200 million as start-up fund to produce a decent volume of 1,000 jeepneys per month.

"We are very interested in engaging in the export of jeepneys, but we are currently handicapped in terms of working capital and so we are looking for someone to help us finance the production of more jeepneys," said Francisco in an interview.

DA cuts agri growth target

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture is set to scale down the country's farm growth target of 4 percent for this year to a range of 3-3.5 percent due to unfavorable weather conditions that adversely affect agriculture production.

Agriculture Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo yesterday admitted in a press conference that it might no longer be possible to achieve the 4-percent growth for this year. "We obviously have to think of adjustment."

To hit the target, the farm sector would have to grow by 5.6 percent in the second half of the year, which , Lorenzo said, was highly unlikely.

Data released by the Bureau of Agriculture Statistics showed that the extreme weather conditions such as the El Niño in the first semester and the super typhoons in the third quarter would push down the country's full-year rice production to just 13.17 million metric tons, which will be 1.04 million MT short of the 14.27 million MT target this year. The rice production target for 2003 is also 0.8 percent lower than last year's production of 13.27 million MT.

Agricultural output accounts for a fifth of the country's gross domestic product, but the sector has been hit by the drought from the El Niño weather phenomenon since late 2002 and typhoons in the middle of this year.

In late July, Lorenzo said typhoon Imbudo—the strongest to hit the country in five years—damaged more than P1 billion worth of crops, mostly corn in the key growing areas in the North.

Corn production is expected to hit 4.478 million MT this year from 4.3 million MT in 2002, though still below the 5 million MT target.

The first semester rice production of 53.8 million MT was 5.1 percent lower than last year's harvest. This was due to the 6.5 percent reduction in areas harvested in Cagayan Valley, Socsargen, Western Visayas, Bicol and Central Visayas.

The July to December palay crop, however, is expected to grow by 2.5 percent from 7.6 percent to 7.8 million MT with areas harvested projected to increase by 3.1 percent.

"Anticipated output gains may come largely from the third quarter harvest which is expected to reach 2.3 million MT, surpassing last year's level by 13.2 percent," said BAS director Romeo Recide in his report. *With a report from Reuters*

CebuPac seeks more flights to Japan

By Abigail L. Ho

WHILE still awaiting a response to its appeal for entitlements to Japan, Cebu Pacific Air is now lobbying for at least two round-trip frequencies per week that remain unused by rival Philippine Airlines Inc.

Cebu Pacific vice president for corporate planning and external affairs Peggy Vera said in a statement yesterday that Philippine carriers could mount as many as 47 flights to Japan per week.

This number is quite flexible as the country's air agreement with Japan uses the coefficient method to determine how many flights each country's carriers can mount.

Under the coefficient method, the aircraft type is used as the basis for weekly flight frequencies. For example, one flight using a Boeing 757 is equivalent to one coefficient; Airbus 330, 1.5 coefficients and Boeing 747, two coefficients.

Data from the Civil Aeronautics Board show that PAL, based on its winter schedule (Oct. 25 to Mar. 27, 2004), needs only 45.5 coefficients, leaving 1.5 coefficients free for other carriers like Cebu Pacific.

"Those extra frequencies we can fly can mean additional foreign exchange income for the tourism sector and jobs, especially in the countryside. Cebu Pacific needs only two coefficients to fly twice a week to Japan," Vera said.

The Philippine air panel last year got four additional coefficients, all of which were given to PAL.

Cebu Pacific, which had asked for two of these new entitlements, filed a motion for reconsideration in April on the CAB's decision to grant all these entitlements to its rival. The CAB had yet to act on Cebu Pacific's motion for reconsideration, Vera said.

Taiwanese group pursuing power plant project

By Jun Malig
PDI Central Luzon Desk

TAIPEI—The Taiwan-based Formosa Heavy Industries Corp. (FHIC) reiterated its commitment to build a 50-megawatt co-generation power plant that would use modern coal technology at the Trust International Paper Corp. (Tipco) compound in Mabalacat, Pampanga.

In a meeting with Pampanga-based reporters here last week, K.H. Wu, FHIC executive vice president, said it would be "very important" for his company to set up and operate a co-generation power plant that would supply electricity to the paper plant.

Wu said the setting up of a 50-MW power plant would be FHIC's way to help Tipco in having sufficient and reliable power supply for its daily operation. Tipco is one of the Philippines' biggest paper manufacturers and exporters.

Feng-in Hong, FHIC assistant vice president for overseas projects, cited friendship and strong personal ties between the chair of the FHIC's mother company, the giant conglomerate Formosa Plastics Group, and the family of Taiwan Elon Ting, chair of Tipco, as the primary reason for the establishment of a power plant at the plant.

Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II witnessed the signing of a memorandum of agreement between FHIC and Tipco for the power plant during the 10th Taipei-Manila joint economic conference here on Aug. 9 last year. The plant's cost has yet to be announced, although a plant at the Tainan province with similar capacity was built at NT$200 million (about P330 million).

FHIC officials accompanied reporters to the Kuan-Tien Industrial Zone in Tainan and in Tao Yuan county to show the efficiency of the existing co-generation power plants in the two areas.

Both power plants provide electricity and steam to various plants and factories manufacturing electronic motherboards, microchips, and other products. The excess electricity is sold to the state-owned Taiwan Electric Co.

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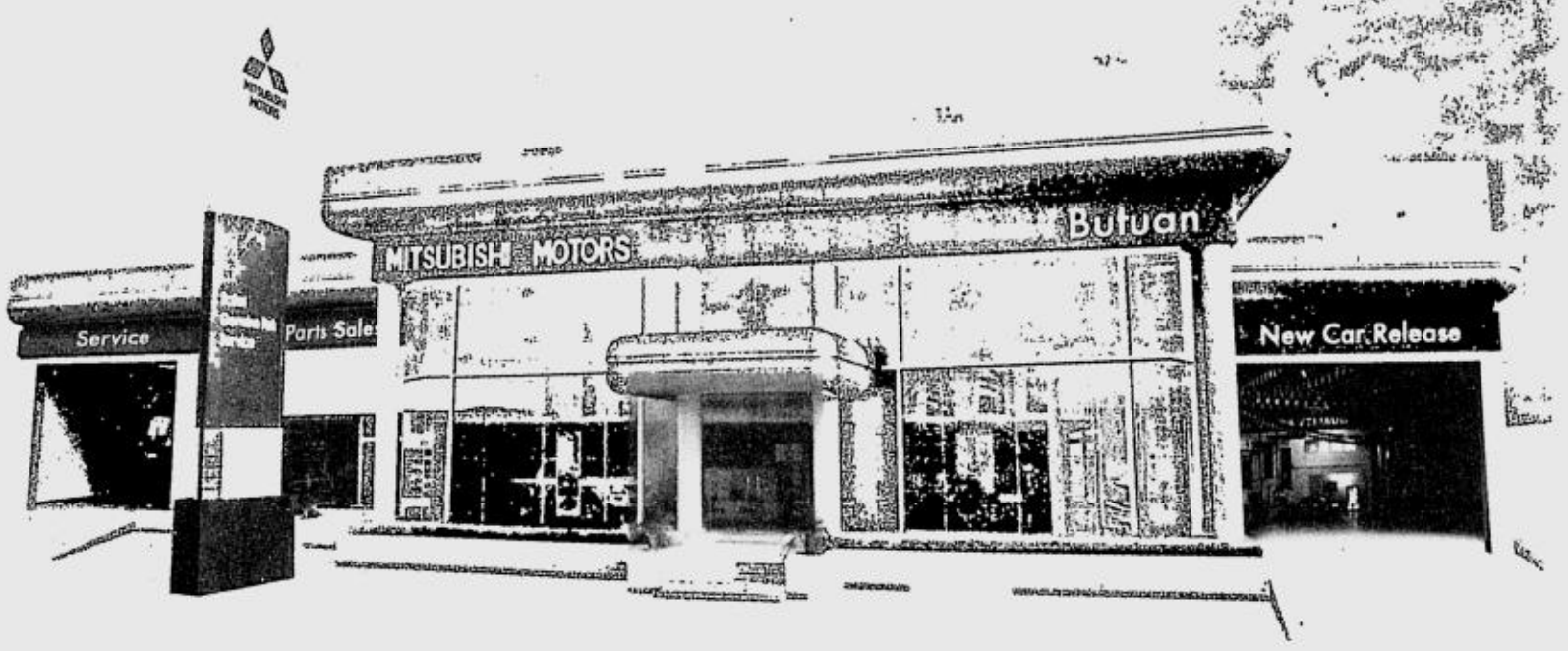

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People, Events & Products

Sun Cellular's Free Call Value: A better choice to free minutes

IN PAST decades, the world has become a close-knit global village, where people from different places and countries remain in close contact. Filipino families always have a loved one working abroad; and communicating with them regularly is commonplace and expected. Technological advances such as the cellular phone play an important part in this fostering of relationships with people who live near or far.

It is somehow frustrating, then that traditional networks have limited offers on post paid plans. When you look at your monthly phone bill, you begin to wonder why, despite the remaining free minutes on your plan, you still have to pay a long line of charges on top of your monthly service fees on calls you make abroad or to the provinces.

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Now with the Free Call Value, Sun Cellular lets you enjoy getting in touch with your loved ones and work contacts here and abroad without the bloated bill charges.

ERC AWARDS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO LHC

The Energy and Regulatory Commission (ERC) has approved the operation by Luzon Hydro Corp. of the 70-MW Bakun AC plant in Ilocos Sur, pursuant to RA 9136. The certificate is issued upon compliance with the Philippine Grid and Distribution Code, the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (Wesm) Rules, the Cross Ownership and Market Limitations, and the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), among other requirements. In photo, LHC chair Erramon Aboitiz receives the certificate from ERC chair Manuel Sanchez. Witnessing the simple awarding ceremony are LHC managing director Graham Corbishley and ERC commissioner Leticia Ibay (partly hidden).

Vacation Hits shows interest in Philippine tourism

WORLDWIDE promotion of the Philippines through the WOW Philippines program of the Department of Tourism has reaped tremendous success. Sec. Richard Gordon stressed that tourism is a big business that does not only pertain to earning money but the preservation of heritage and providing opportunities for the people.

Vacation Hits Marketing, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Odenza Marketing Group. Odenza is a vacation incentive company with offices in San Diego, California, USA and Burnaby, British Columbia, and Canada. It is successfully offering vacation certificates to companies throughout North America for the past six years. Its market: the big corporation that provides employee incentives, customer purchase incentives, traffic generators and prize give-aways. Its portfolio: large quantities of vacation certificates at greatly discounted wholesale tourism packages. While the mother company caters to corporate accounts, Vacation Hits provides travel and leisure get-aways for small companies, home-based businesses and self-employed entrepreneurs at very reasonable rates without the large minimum order requirements.

Vacation Hits Marketing is scheduled to meet with the Department of Tourism, Southern Tagalog and Mindanao travel agencies and local chief executives. The Canadian company will conduct a Cook's tour on selected tourist destinations that include shooting the rapids at Pagsanjan Falls, scuba diving at Europe-acknowledged best dive site Anilao beach, beach walking on the powdery white sand of Boracay, viewing the magnificent Taal volcano and teeing off on the greens of the world renowned Southwoods Golf Course.

ALUMNI ASSOCATION OF AIM INDUCITON

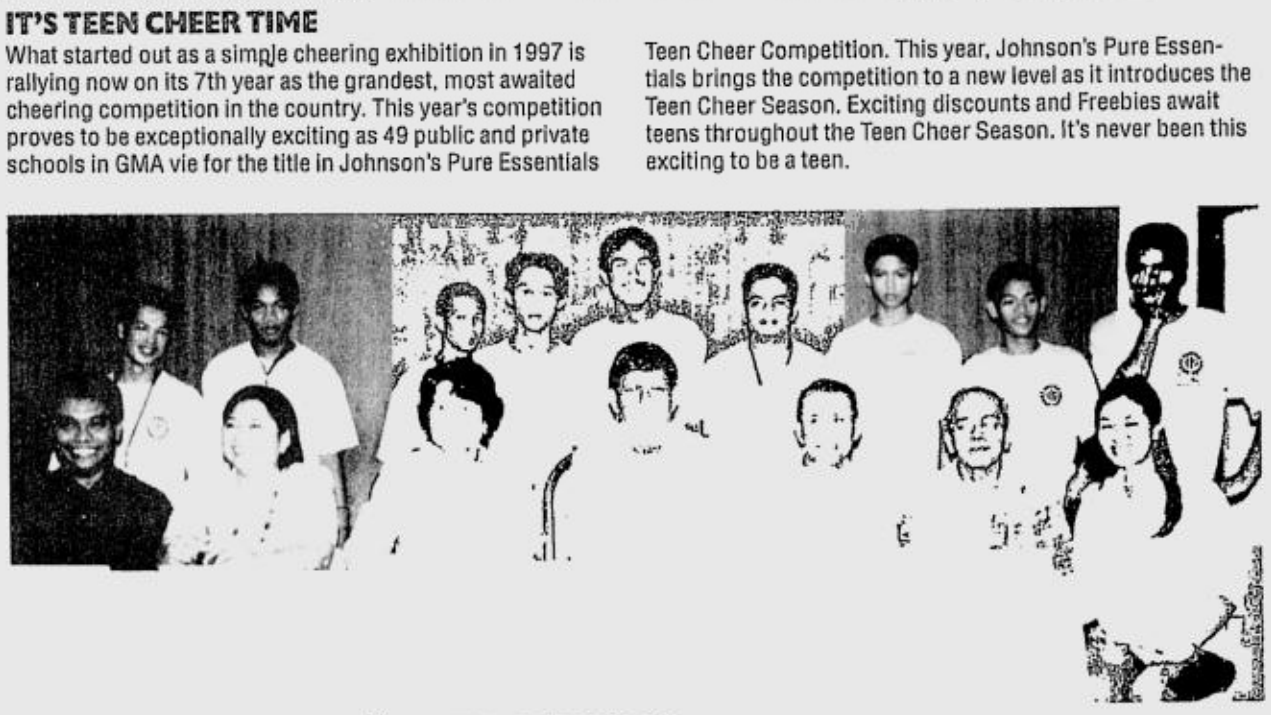
The new officers of the Alumni Association of AIM were inducted during the oath-taking ceremonies held at the SGV conference room of AIM last Aug 13. Jose Cuisia Jr - CEO Philam Group of Companies and co-chair, Board of Trustee inducted the 2003-2004 set of officers. Shown are: (front row, from left) Corazon Doloroso - director, Henry Aquende - vice chair, Eduardo Bañaga - chair, Jose Cuisia Jr, Roberto de Ocampo - president of AIM, Barbara Gonzales -director, Henry Tenedero - director, Marvee Celi - AIM representative, Fr. Tito Soquino (OSA). (Back row, from left) Nieves Confesor, Filomeno Yaptinchay - assistant treasurer, Gregorio Atienza - secretary, Teodoro Villanueva - treasurer, Joel Almagro - director, Conrado Dayrit III - director, Alejo Mayoralgo - director, AIM Foundation, Ernesto Guzman - director, Daniel Saracin - executive director and Vernie Rañosa - editor -in-chief, Alumnois.

IT'S TEEN CHEER TIME

What started out as a simple cheering exhibition in 1997 is rallying now on its 7th year as the grandest, most awaited cheering competition in the country. This year's competition proves to be exceptionally exciting as 49 public and private schools in GMA vie for the title in Johnson's Pure Essentials Teen Cheer Competition. This year, Johnson's Pure Essentials brings the competition to a new level as it introduces the Teen Cheer Season. Exciting discounts and Freebies await teens throughout the Teen Cheer Season. It's never been this exciting to be a teen.

INFORMATICS' FIRST BATCH OF CERTIFIED ETHICAL HACKERS

Photo shows the first batch of graduates of the Certified Ethical Hackers (CEH) course who recently received their certificates at the Informatics International College (IIC) in Ortigas, Pasig City, where the five-day course was likewise formally launched. In photo with the new Certified Ethical Hackers (first row, second from left) are Leo Riingen, Informatics president and CEO and Desmond Alexander, CEH trainor. The next CEH class starts on Oct. 27. For more information, call 893-4818 or email gramiro@informatics.com.ph.



VICTORIA COURT, LAS PIÑAS TESDA SIGN MOA

Victoria Court and Las Piñas Tesda signed a MOA last July 25 wherein Las Piñas Tesda graduates will be given employment opportunities through Victoria Court's apprenticeship program. Present during the signing are (from left) Bhong Banan - VC Las Piñas resident manager, Judith Betita - VC HRD manager, Josephine Casuga - district director, Tesda, Virgilio Aguilar - director LP Tesda, Eduardo Timbungco - Barangay secretary, Manuyo Dos, Gregorio Dela Cruz - Barangay kagawad, Manuyo Dos, Ana Aguilar - PR director, LP Tesda.

NEW PHOTO EXPERIENCE

Kameraworld, Inc., the country's largest photo chain, recently inaugurated a new digital photo studio concept at the Promenade of the Ayala Town Center. Called 'i-Pose,' the new studio concept introduces a different dimension in consumer photography and brings the level of studio sittings to a higher level of sophistication and enjoyment. Besides the reasonable cost of studio sittings, 'i-Pose' uses Kodak professional metallic prints not available with other services from other studios. Photo shows Teresa R. Castro (third from right), chair and president of Kameraworld, with other company officials and guests during the studio's official inauguration and blessing.

FPPF photo courses

THE FEDERATION pf Philippine Foundation (FPPF) has devised a short course on basic and advance photography which will run for 4 consecutive Sundays for basic and 4 Saturdays for advanced. The 8th basic workshop will be held on Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 2 and 9 while the advance is on Oct. 18, 25, and Nov. 1 and 8. The venue is Yslas Restaurant inside Fort Santiago in Intramuros, Manila. For inquiries, contact FPPF at 813-7420 and 843-5341 c/o Beverly Estrosas.

Corban's study groups

CORBAN Daycare and Tutorial Center will schedule a series of remedial English study groups for foreigners, professionals and college students in the beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. They will be held for 10 consecutive Saturdays beginning Oct. 18. Corban will also hold a study group for children aged 7 to 13 to build up confidence in public speaking. The seminar will be slated for 8 consecutive Saturdays, starting on Oct. 18, from 9 to 10 a.m. Interested partied may call Corban at 842-6665/809-3050/0917-6297718.

BMA slates seminars

BUSINESSMAKER Academy (BMA), a leading provider of continuous adult education, offers a series of short one-day business communication seminars to help new graduates find good job opportunities and assist corporate employees in enhancing their careers. Effective Sales Communication Techiniques (Oct. 3 or 18) "Communicate Well, Succeed in Sales!" - Learn to approach clients and meet sales targets through creative methods of communication. Effective Events Planning and Management (Oct. 3 or 24) "Get Maximum Results through Events" - Go through initial stages of events handling until the final phase of planning and managing high-impact but cost-efficient events. To be held at Suite 1503A West Tower, PSE Bldg. (Tektite), Ortigas Center, these courses are open to the public for a minimal fee. For more information, call 687-4445/687-3146/687-4645 or visit www.businessmaker-academy.com.

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ARTHERAPY MURAL MAKING CONTEST WINNERS

Eula Valdes awards the winners of the 1st ever Artherapy On-the Spot Mural Making Competition of Extract Theraphy in SM City North Edsa, last Oct. 5. Left most is Joanna Ledesma (winner of right solution category), next is Elery Nina Lopez (winner of natural category), and Genesis Salao (beauty category winner). Also on the stage are artists Edwin Tres Reyes and Dominic Rubio, who are part of the judges panel and with host Hans Montenegro and Charo Gaba.

Data show US economy picking up steam

WASHINGTON—The US economic recovery is picking up steam, according to government reports on Thursday that indicated the troubled factory sector has turned around and the lagging job market is starting to improve.

Manufacturing activity in the US mid-Atlantic region soared in October, according to a Philadelphia Federal Reserve gauge of regional industry. Another report showed US industrial production rose in September as factory output posted its biggest gain since April 2000.

And in a hopeful sign for job seekers, the number of Americans filing an initial claim for jobless benefits fell last week to the lowest level since early February.

"Today's numbers really confirm that the recovery is in full swing," said Scott Anderson, senior economist at Wells Fargo.

The Philadelphia Fed reported its business conditions index jumped to 28.0 in October from 14.6 in September. The new orders index soared to 29.0 in September from 19.3 last month, while the employment index turned positive at 5.5, up from negative 4.7 last month.

The dollar rallied against major currencies after the data, and US Treasury bond prices fell. On the stock market the Dow Jones industrial average ended the day slightly lower, falling 11.33 points as investors focussed on company earnings.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve said industrial production increased 0.4 percent after falling a revised 0.1 percent in August. Industrial companies operated at 74.7 percent of capacity, their fastest pace since March.

Factory production—which makes up more than four-fifths of industrial output—rose by 0.7 percent, the largest gain since April 2000.

US factories have shed 2.8 million jobs in the last three years, but there are signs employment, which has lagged other areas of the economy, is showing signs of recovery from the 2001 recession.

The data support an anecdotal snapshot of economic conditions across the country from the central bank on Wednesday. The so-called "beige book" said the US recovery gained speed in recent weeks as consumer spending strengthened and manufacturing activity picked up.

Most analysts expect the Fed to hold interest rates steady until it is certain the economic rebound has taken hold and created a sustained recovery in employment.

San Francisco Fed President Robert Parry said on Thursday he expects to see big employment gains by the end of the year.

The Labor Department said first-time filings for state unemployment aid fell 4,000 last week to 384,000 from the previous week.

"The jobless numbers were certainly encouraging. We got a decline and it suggests that the labor market is recovering," said Parul Jain, Nomura Securities International.

It was the second week in a row that claims came in under 400,000. Economists say a number above that level suggests a deteriorating jobs market.

The drop also brought a decline in the closely watched four-week moving average of initial filings, seen as more reliable because it irons out weekly fluctuations.

Analysts said the consumer prices report indicated there is little to worry about on the inflation front.

Over the last 12 months, the core CPI has risen just 1.2 percent, the smallest increase since February 1966, the department said.

"Underlying inflation has clearly stabilized. Meanwhile, concerns that inflation will decelerate much further are eased by the fact that some service prices continue to rise quite sturdily," said Pierre Ellis, senior international economist at Decision Economics. *Reuters*

Apec nations to grow in '04 but face risks

BANGKOK, Thailand—Pacific Rim economies should continue to grow this year and next.

These economies, however, face risks from surging trade imbalances and the depreciating US dollar, a senior policy analyst said Friday.

The 21 members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation grouping are expected to grow an average of 2.7 percent this year, and 3.5 percent next year.

This was the prediction made by Choong Yong Ahn, the head of Apec's economic policy analysis committee.

Expanding trade between these countries overrode the harm done by the SARS epidemic and the Iraq conflict, he said.

"Apec growth potential highly depends on to what extent Apec economies increase intra-regional trade volume," Ahn told a news conference.

"Despite all the negative ... factors, trade expansion is in a sense a guarantee to ensure that the Apec economies can continue to grow."

Apec members are discussing ways to increase this trade at their annual summit meeting in Bangkok.

US President George W. Bush says he will use his appearance at the gathering next week to try to persuade Japan and China to stop trying to weaken their currencies against the dollar.

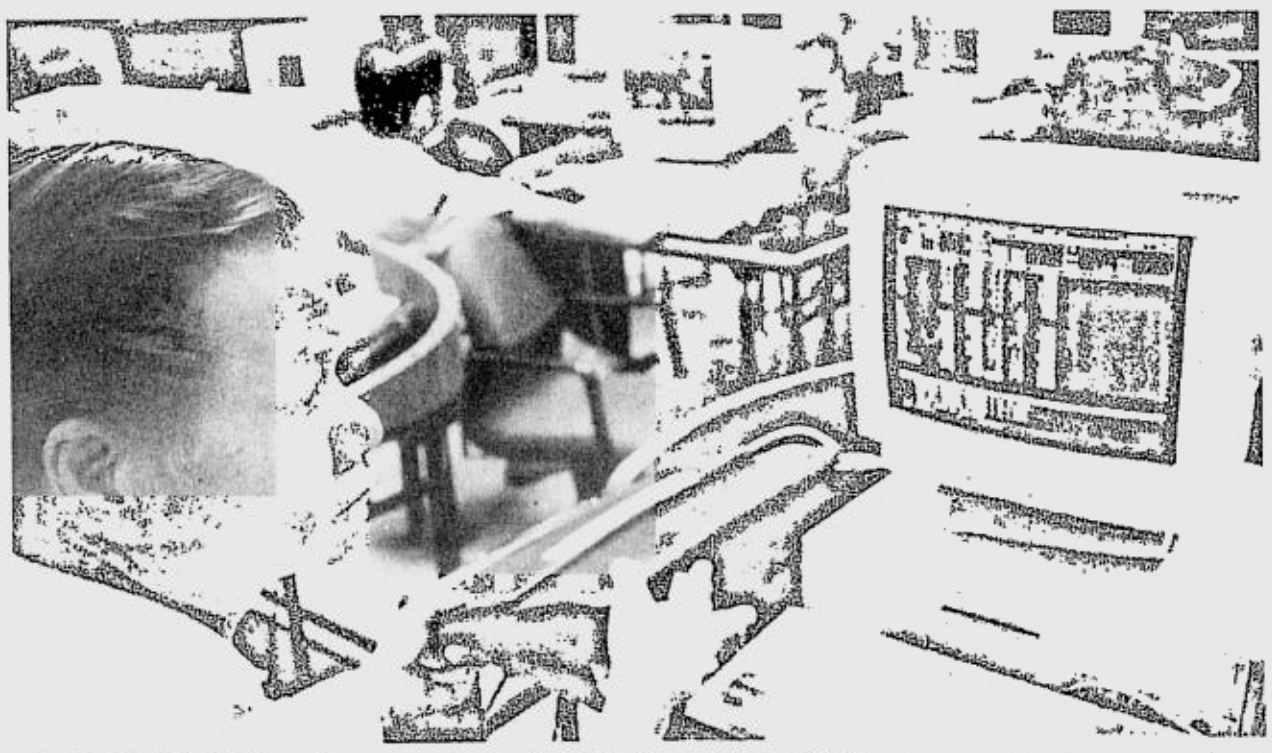
US manufacturers are complaining about the huge trade deficit with China caused by the weak dollar.

Ahn said the United States cannot afford to let the dollar continue to weaken.

Ahn, however, added that it was unclear what would be the impact on the other Apec economies if Bush succeeded in getting Japan and China to reverse course.

Without a more stable currency exchange system and more balanced trade, the region faces the danger of another round of competitive devaluations, Ahn said.

Such devaluations triggered the Asian economic crisis that began in 1997. *AP*



AN INVESTOR checks his stocks at a computer terminal at the Stock Exchange of Thailand in Bangkok, Oct. 17. Investors have been bullish with hopes that the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders' summit to be held in the Thai capital Oct. 20-21 will bring greater benefits to the local economy. AFP

China economy roars, sparks concerns

BEIJING—China's economy roared ahead in the year ending September, stoking concerns that the world's sixth-biggest economy and an increasingly important buyer of Asian exports is in danger of overheating.

Gross domestic product, a broad gauge of economic activity, rose 9.1 percent between the third quarters of 2002 and 2003, accelerating from the 6.7-percent growth in the year to June, the State Statistical Bureau said on Friday.

China's strong growth has become a political issue in the United States as law-makers there argue that Beijing should allow its currency to rise, reflecting its economic strength and making hard-pressed US manufacturers more competitive.

GDP in the first nine months of the year was up 8.5 percent on a year earlier, and bureau spokesperson Qiu Xiaohua said that pace would probably be sustained for all of 2003.

The third-quarter figure came in at the high end of analysts' expectations and pointed to a potentially faster growth rate in the year to the fourth quarter, economists said.

"Depending on whether more policy measures are taken trying to cool down the economy, I think it could go to around 9.5 percent," Citigroup economist Yiping Huang said of fourth-quarter growth.

China's boom is proving a boon to the rest of Asia as the country imports heaps of raw materials and components to feed its production lines. *Reuters*

Worldwide PC shipments increase sharply

WASHINGTON—Worldwide personal computer shipments rose sharply in the third quarter, fueled by strong demand for notebook computers, according to two closely watched surveys.

Gartner Inc. said Thursday its preliminary tally showed worldwide PC shipments of 42.5 million units in the third quarter, a 14.1-percent increase from the same period last year.

A separate survey by International Data Corp. released late Wednesday showed shipments up 15.7 percent in the third quarter to 38.4 million, about 5 percent higher than expected.

Strong growth in the United States and Europe lifted the results above a forecast for a 10.4-percent rise in the quarter.

Hewlett Packard worldwide shipments grew 28 percent in the quarter, versus Dell's 27.9-percent growth, but Dell still managed to dominate the market, IDC said.

"Consumers in particular have reacted to low prices and wireless features. Although commercial spending remains cautious, even this segment is making some progress."

Gartner analyst Charles Smulders agreed that low prices and interest in wireless Internet, or "Wi-Fi," helped drive demand for mobile, or notebook, PCs. *AFP*

Japan market rises; region watches Bush

SINGAPORE—Asian technology shares were volatile on Friday as Samsung Electronics fell despite forecast-beating earnings, but Japan's broader market rose to a 16-month high, helped by gains in domestic-oriented issues.

However, regional stock and currency markets kept to tight ranges as investors waited to hear what US President George W. Bush had to say on currencies when he meets Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in Tokyo later in the day.

Some players said Bush could surprise the market by giving Japan some leeway on intervention and providing a boost to Koizumi, who faces a general election in November.

"If he says he understands Japan's concerns over the yen's rise, the dollar will be bought back," said Takashi Toyahara, forex manager at Nomura Securities.

The rise in US tech stocks—also sparked by positive employment, manufacturing and inflation data—gave a patchy stimulus to their Asian counterparts, as Fujitsu Ltd. rose and Taiwan chip maker TSMC slid.

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., the world's top memory-chip maker and third-largest mobile phone maker, posted a 6.6-percent rise in third-quarter net profit on improved sales of memory chips.

Shares in Samsung, Asia's most valuable electronics stock, lost 1.6 percent as the broader South Korea market fell 1.2 percent.

Sony Corp. surged over 3 percent after a source close to its talks with Samsung Electronics on a liquid crystal display joint-venture said they were progressing well and chances of a deal were high.

Domestic-focused Daiei Inc. soared over 35 percent after Japan's third-largest retailing group reported a first-half group net profit of 2.3 billion yen ($20.94 million) beating its April estimate of 2 billion yen.

Japan's TOPIX index of all first-section issues ended up 0.34 percent at 1,094.59, a 16-month peak. The Nikkei average was up 0.12 percent at 11,037.89.

On Wall Street, the tech-driven Nasdaq rose 0.57 percent and the Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 0.32 percent. But the Dow eased 0.12 percent on tepid forecasts from International Business Machines Corp. and construction equipment company Caterpillar Inc. *Reuters*

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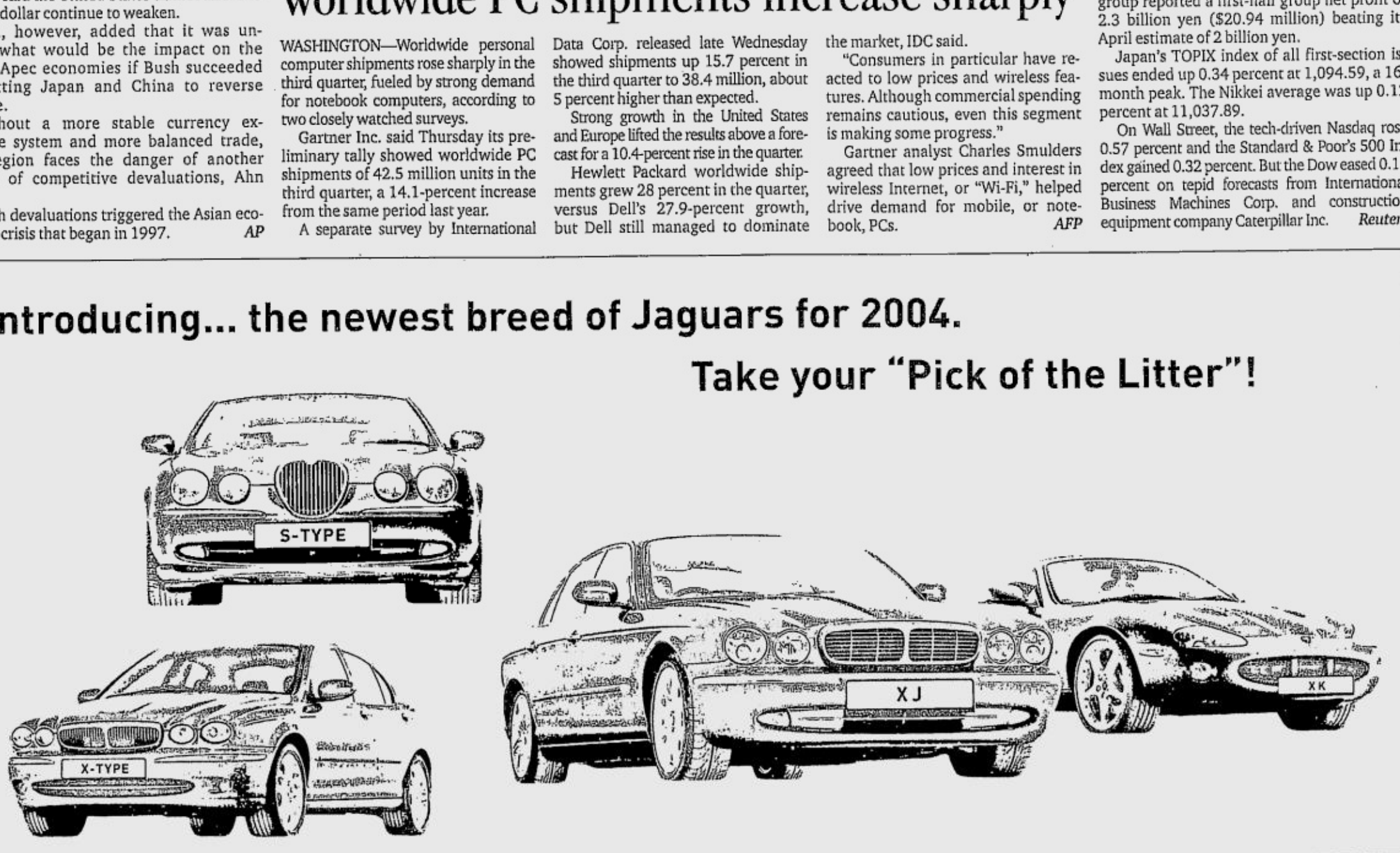

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A New Partnership for Peace and Development

By **BLAS F. OPLE**
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

TODAY'S VISIT BY PRESIDENT George W. Bush inaugurates a *new* Philippine-American partnership for peace and development.

For the American superpower, the Philippines has renewed geopolitical importance—in the light of the global antiterrorist campaign and the rivalry among the great powers for influence in strategic Southeast Asia.

Since 1992, when the last American warship sailed away from Subic Bay, the Philippines has steered an independent course in its foreign relations. But ties with the United States remain paramount in its calculations. The two countries continue to share not only strategic and economic interests but a community of political ideals as well.

Under a Mutual Defense Treaty, Washington still provides the archipelago's security umbrella. The U.S. economy still absorbs a fourth of all Philippine exports. And the U.S. is still the major source of investments, technology, tourism, and cultural influences. But it is the bonds of family and friendship spanning the Pacific Ocean—from the three million Filipinos living in America—that continue to make Philippine relationships with its old mother country truly "special."

PRESIDENT BUSH WELCOMES PRESIDENT ARROYO TO THE WHITE HOUSE, MAY 18.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

LIKE MOST COLONIAL ENCOUNTERS, the Filipino-American relationship started in conquest and conflict. In 1898 the Americans sank the Spanish fleet at Manila Bay and made the archipelago the base for their naval and commercial ventures in the Western Pacific. Even before they had extinguished a revolutionary Filipino republic, the Americans began to shape their Asian colonials in their image.

In other places, educated colonials were denied access to colonial administrations. The Americans made "Filipinization" of government a basic policy—and taught generations of *pensionados* both American technologies and American civics. The people-to-people contacts the Thomasites started, the Fulbright scholarships and the Peace Corps continued in our time.

In recent years the Philippines has become the second-largest source of legal migrants to the United States, after Mexico. Filipino Americans are expected soon to surpass Chinese Americans as the largest ethnic-Asian bloc in America's plural society. Colonial-period migrants had mostly been field-hands for Hawaii's sugar plantations, as well as the orchards and salmon canneries of the West Coast. These new migrants—mostly young and highly skilled doctors, nurses, technicians, and other professionals—integrate effortlessly into mainstream American society.

Foreign Secretary Blas F. Ople with State Secretary Colin Powell.

PATTERN OF TWO-WAY TRADE

ECONOMIC RELATIONS TOO ARE changing. Instead of the traditional shiploads of sugar, coconut oil, and abaca, the Philippines now airlifts computer chips and electronics components to its U.S. trading partner. Whenever America sneezes, the Philippines still occasionally catches cold. The U.S. economy's spell of sluggishness last year devastated the country's electronics industry, whose exports shrunk by 23 percent.

Two-way trade exceeds $18 billion yearly. Cumulative direct private U.S. investments in the Philippines add up to $3.6 billion. American investors are active in power, oil exploration, and information technology (IT). It will be in IT where American business and Filipino skills can best combine for profit; and this is already happening. The three million white-collar jobs that IBM alone plans to move overseas by 2015 should create huge IT outsourcing opportunities in the Philippines.

The integration of economies going on in Southeast Asia, and already being negotiated between the ASEAN states and the Northeast Asian economies of China, Japan and Korea, should re-invigorate investment opportunities in East Asia. For American investors, the Philippines—both because of its central location and their familiarity with the country—should become a prime entry point to the world's fastest-growing region.

President Bush with Laura Bush and President Arroyo with her husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, on their way to State dinner at White House.

FUTURE OF PARTNERSHIP

OVER THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, the U.S. presence in East Asia should increase in scale and in intensity. Since the end of World War II, the United States has been the fulcrum of the East Asian power balance. Chief among its Asian objectives has been the effort, cooperatively with the regional powers, to sustain Asian stability—to prevent the growth of rivalries and insecurities that could lead to conflict.

Meanwhile, the global economy's center of gravity has shifted from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Already U.S. trade with East Asia far exceeds its trade with Europe. Exports to the United States account for 10-25 percent of Asian gross domestic products. About half of all these exports are typically of information-technology equipment.

Increasingly, too, American corporations are "offshoring" some of their jobs; and the service sector is following manufacturing in its overseas migration. Most of these jobs will go to East Asia. In addition, both the United States and the Philippines are key players in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) grouping—whose object is a Pacific Community of "free and open trade and investment" by 2020.

PEACE WITH LIBERTY

AS THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT changes, Washington is seeking new ways of asserting its influence, and of transforming its security involvement both in form and in substance. The new partnership with the Philippines indicates what these ways might be.

Anarchic forces are rising in the world system—bred by poverty, oppression, and despair. These frustrations—which breed terrorism—governments can ease by alleviating global poverty and (in President Bush's words) by organizing "[p]eace that favors human liberty . . . and encourages free and open societies on every continent."

Hence the global alliance America leads must aim not just to defeat terrorism. It must help poor countries to prosper; and it must help create a world order that offers full participation to all the world's peoples.

The deployment of military power to dismantle "rogue states" and hunt down terrorist networks represents only a fraction of this total effort. The greater part must be to help Third World societies overcome their problems of economic development and political modernization. This is what the new partnership between Manila and Washington is beginning to do in Mindanao. There the U.S. Government is encouraging the peace process with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front by pledging to fund postconflict aid programs to achieve growth with equity benefiting all of Mindanao's people.

Post-September 11 America has come to realize there is no alternative to global activism.

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

DR. CONDOLEEZZA RICE
National Security Adviser

Dr. Condoleezza Rice became the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs on January 22, 2001. In June 1999 she completed a six-year tenure as Stanford University's Provost, serving as its chief budget and academic officer.

As professor of political science, Dr. Rice has been on the Stanford faculty since 1981 and has won two of the highest teaching honors—the 1984 Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 1993 School of Humanities and Sciences Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching.

From 1989 through March 1991 she served in the Bush Administration as Director, and then Senior Director, of Soviet and East European Affairs in the National Security Council, and a Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. In 1986 she served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1997 she served on the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training in the Military.

Dr. Rice earned her bachelor's degree in political science, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Denver in 1974; her master's from the University of Notre Dame in 1975; and her Ph.D. from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver in 1981. She lives in Washington, D.C.

ANDREW H. CARD JR.
Chief of Staff

On November 26, 2000, Andrew H. Card Jr. was appointed Chief of Staff in the presidential administration of Texas Governor George W. Bush.

From 1992 until 1993, Mr. Card served as the 11th U.S. Secretary of Transportation under President George H. W. Bush.

From 1988 to 1992 Mr. Card served in President Bush's Administration as Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff. He managed the daily operations of the White House staff and participated in the full range of economic, foreign, and domestic policy development.

Mr. Card served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1975 to 1983.

JAMES A. KELLY
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs U.S. Department of State

James A. Kelly is Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. From 1994 to 2001 Mr. Kelly was president of the Pacific Forum, Center for Strategic and International Studies of Honolulu. The Pacific Forum has analyzed and led dialogue on Asia-Pacific political, security, and economic/business issues since 1975. It is the autonomous Pacific arm of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Kelly served as Special Assistant for National Security Affairs to President Ronald Reagan, and as Senior Director for Asian Affairs, National Security Council, from March 1986 to March 1989. From June 1983 to March 1986, Mr. Kelly was at the Pentagon as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (East Asia and Pacific).

JAMES F. MORIARTY
Senior Director for Asian Affairs, National Security Council

James F. Moriarty was named Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Asian Affairs on April 19, 2002, after assuming the position of Acting Senior Director for Asian Affairs in January 2002. He began his career at the NSC in July 2001 as the Director for Asian Affairs.

Mr. Moriarty served as Deputy Chief of the U.S. Embassy's political section in Beijing, China, Chief of General Affairs (Political) Section of the American Institute in Taiwan, and at U.S. embassies in Morocco and Pakistan.

He entered the Foreign Service as a political officer in 1975. He has received two individual Superior Honor Awards along with several other awards from the State Department.

FRANCIS J. RICCIARDONE
Ambassador, Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Palau

Francis J. Ricciardone Jr. became Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Palau on February 12, 2002. He has served most recently as Director of the Department's Task Force on the Coalition Against Terrorism and as a Senior Adviser to the Director General of the Foreign Service. From March 1999 until early 2001 he had served as the Secretary of State's Special Coordinator for the Transition of Iraq.

Mr. Ricciardone's Foreign Service assignments include two tours in Turkey, most recently (1995-99) as Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'affaires; and service in Cairo, Amman, and London.

He has served in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the Near East Bureau, and in senior management positions under the Director General of the Foreign Service and of Human Resources.

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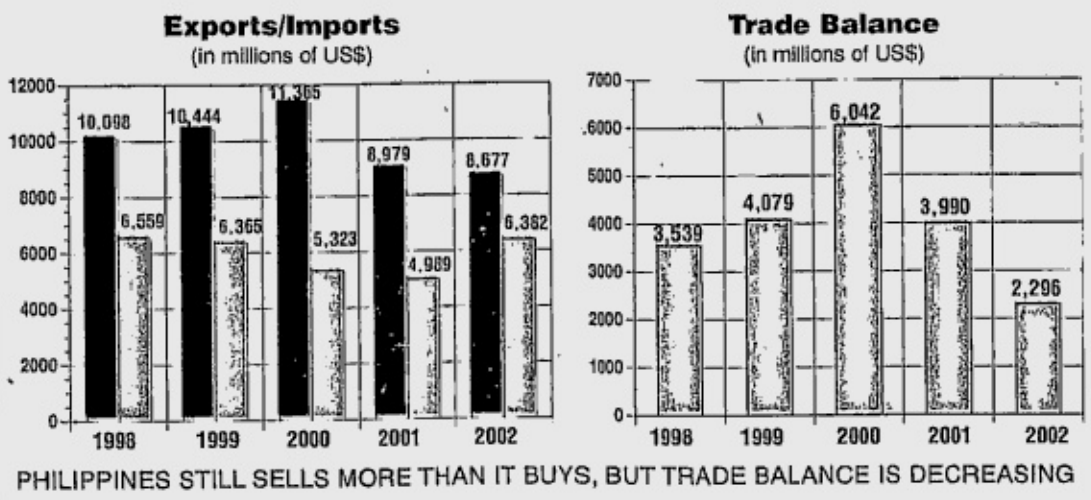


PHILIPPINES STILL SELLS MORE THAN IT BUYS, BUT TRADE BALANCE IS DECREASING

From abaca and copra to integrated circuits

FOR THE SPANISH PHILIPPINES, the United States was an important trading partner long before Commodore George Dewey's Asiatic Fleet sailed into Manila Bay in 1898. American business-people, together with the British, opened the colony to world trade early in the nineteenth century. By the 1820s, two American commercial houses had established themselves in Manila. They financed the archipelago's sugar and abaca crops, and exported indigo and tobacco to Europe and East Asia. By the 1850s, the U.S. was buying two-fifths of all Philippine exports.

TOP TRADE PARTNER

SOME U.S. companies established themselves in Manila during this period. The history of Mobil Philippines runs back to 1892. Last year, Citibank celebrated its 100th year in the country. Fifteen member-companies of the American Chamber of Commerce have been in the country for at least 75 years. Today some 275 companies are accredited to the Chamber, one of the oldest business groupings in Asia.

The U.S. remains the Philippines' top economic partner, in both trade and investment. Last year the Philippines imported US$6.382 million worth of goods from the U.S., while selling $8,678 million to it—netting a trade balance of $2,295.77 million. The United States is the country's second-largest supplier of imports and the largest buyer of RP goods. American tourists contributed almost $500 million to the economy last year.

Nowadays the main Philippine exports to America are semiconductor devices, digital automatic data processing machines, integrated circuits and microassemblies, as well as garments. Not only are these products dependent on imported inputs. They are also subject to cyclical fluctuations. Fortunately, the 2001 slack in demand for electronic and telecommunications parts has now eased.

At the end of 2002, equity-based American investments were valued at $3.3 billion—or 33 percent of total foreign direct investment, and only slightly less than the $3.5 billion from the Japanese. The bulk of American investment is in the capital-intensive power sector. In recent years, high-technology industries have set themselves up in the country, to leverage its skilled information technology work-people.

Cutting-edge companies like Intel and TI (Texas Instruments) run high-tech manufacturing facilities in the Philippines. Two out of three digital cellular telephones used worldwide have TI-Philippines DSP chips embedded in them. Amkor Technology Philippines—with its more than 9,500 Filipino technicians—is the world's leading semiconductor subcontractor.

Filipino workers are attracting high-tech transnationals.

FORD MOTORS RETURNS

MEANWHILE, giant U.S. companies such as Federal Express have made the Philippines the hub of their Asia-Pacific operations. Fedex runs 260 flights weekly from Subic International Airport to 30 countries. United Parcel Service's intra-Asia hub at the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in the Clark Ecozone is within four hours' flight of every Asian business center.

In recent years American car manufacturers have also begun to challenge the Japanese in the Philippine market. Ford Motor Company plans to make the country its regional export hub. William Clay Ford, the company chairman, has just announced a $50 million investment to double the capacity of its facility in the Manila suburbs.

The country has also become an attractive 'back office' for transnationals seeking cost-effective locations for their finance, accounting, IT solutions and engineering design. Caltex, Procter & Gamble, UPS Asia, Fluor-Daniel, and AIG (American Insurance Group) all run shared service centers in the Philippines. Spurred by transnational demand, the Philippine contact center industry is multiplying rapidly. Already it has an estimated 20,000 seats employing 30,000 people.

DEVELOPMENT AID

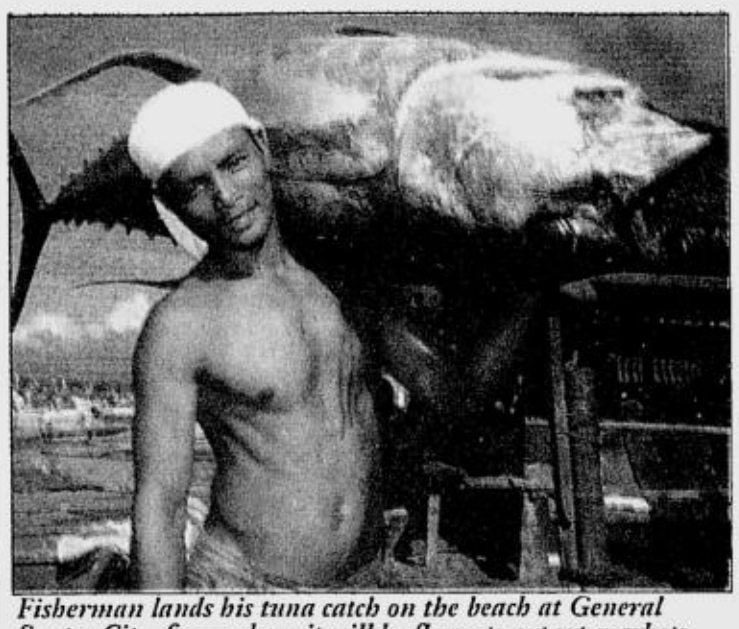
THE U.S. also provides substantial development aid to the Philippines. In 2002, aid under various headings ran to some US$900 million. It ranged from counterterrorist training for the Philippine military to USAID funds for social, economic and environmental development in Mindanao. Last July the Philippines received $30 million in new trade benefits under an expanded list of products approved for duty-free importation into the United States under its GSP (general system of preferences) program.

Economic cooperation has *not* been limited to bilateral concerns. The two countries also work together in policy-making for APEC and in the United Nations.

Leap to development for ex-MNLF guerrillas

SARS ARIK WAS ONLY 11 YEARS old when he was recruited into the separatist Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF). For 20 years he roamed the Mindanao hinterland as a guerrilla. Eventually he came to lead the "Balobok Strike Force," a 100-man MNLF contingent operating in Tawi-Tawi.

But that was eight years ago. Arik now chairs a village power association supported by the Alliance for Mindanao Off-Grid Renewable (AMORE) project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and run by Winrock International and the energy firm Mirant Philippines. Arik and his fellow-villagers have learned to operate solar-energy equipment, keep accounts, and enhance their entrepreneurial skills. In fact, the association now plans to buy added solar-power equipment to bring electricity to nearby villages.



Fisherman lands his tuna catch on the beach at General Santos City, from where it will be flown to export markets.

The AMORE project is a fruit of the peace between the MNLF and the Philippine Government in 1996. It is a component of the Livelihood Enhancement and Peace (LEAP) program that has enabled more than 21,000 MNLF combatants like Arik to become farmers, seaweed growers, fish farmers, and small entrepreneurs.

The LEAP program's success has encouraged USAID to increase and speed up its Mindanao efforts. "USAID's support for development in the Philippines has more than doubled over the last few years," says Ambassador Wendy Chamberlain, USAID assistant administrator for Asia and the Near East.

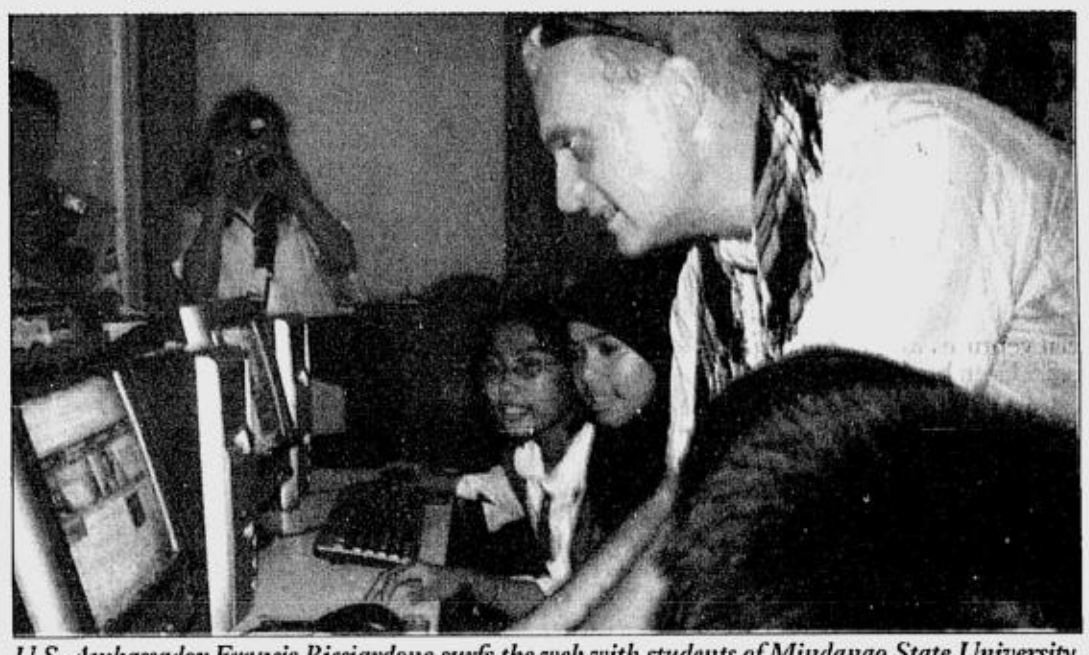
This year alone, USAID has set aside $70 million with "more than half of the amount to be dedicated to Mindanao."

USAID support has helped establish the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Business Council, an umbrella organization for all business organizations in the ARMM, and the Basilan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Unhampered transport of timber grown on private land in Mindanao has become a reality with USAID help in the development of business support organizations. The largest number of small-farmer tree farms is in Mindanao.

USAID has also helped 23 rural banks to profitably provide services to micro-enterprises, increasing the number of rural banks it has assisted to 97. Of 131,000 micro-depositors at present, 53,000 opened their accounts in 2002.

Since 1996, American development aid has focused on Mindanao, through the "Growth with Equity in Mindanao" (GEM) Project. GEM has helped 13,000 former rebels and their families initiate commercial-scale production of hybrid corn, rice, and seaweed. General Santos City, on which a 'mini-Marshall Plan' for Mindanao lavished modern piers, roads and an airport capable of taking 747 jets, has become a growth center for southwestern Mindanao.



U.S. Ambassador Francis Ricciardone surfs the web with students of Mindanao State University Tawi-Tawi Preparatory High School at the launching of the GEM computer literacy program.

GEM-2 SHINES

THE GEM-2 Program continues the work carried out by the original GEM Program, which operated from 1996 to 2002. The GEM-2 Program got under way in late 2002 and is expected to operate until the end of 2007. The GEM-2 Program operates throughout Mindanao, but focuses on the conflict-affected areas.

Through its USAID and GEM officers the United States has announced the putting up of 800 small-scale infrastructure projects each costing $22,000 (a million pesos) in conflict-affected areas of Mindanao for the next four years.

The projects are mostly for former combatants of the Moro National Liberation Front and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

About 60 of these projects are under way with USAID, GEM, barangay and muhicipal government units, community groups and cooperatives as partners in their realization.

Robert Barnes, economic growth adviser of USAID, said, "Our target is completing about 10-15 of these small-scale infrastructure projects a month in the next four and a half years."

John C. Dalton, deputy chief of party of GEM based in Davao City, says GEM has helped investors carry out 343 projects all over Mindanao worth $441 million and generated 77,000 new jobs. The projects, he adds, helped 13,000 former MNLF rebels and their families initiate "commercial-level" production of hybrid corn, rice, and seaweed.

MICRO-LENDING

THE PROJECTS include water systems, warehouses, solar dryers, boat landings, culverts, community centers, bridge and roadway upgrades and repairs. A warehouse and a solar dryer were recently completed in Barangay Rorogagus in Marawi City.

This USAID program also provides infrastructure analysis and advocacy assistance to the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and to relevant national government agencies.

U.S. Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone notes the successful micro-lending program of a USAID subsidiary, which has awarded more than P3 billion to some 110,000 small entrepreneurs in the country, including Mindanao. "Thanks to such an exemplary public-private partnership, micro finance is spreading rapidly in the Philippines, wherever peace permits, even in the conflict-affected areas of Mindanao," Ricciardone says.

He cites a letter from the late MILF chairman Hashim Salamat to President Bush in May, in which he spoke of "his vision for [Mindanao] peace and development."

The U.S. diplomat notes that Salamat had "evidently concluded it was time to put the MILF on a new course in the campaign for the rights of the *Bangsamoro* people."

"[This] is a course neither of surrender, nor of defeat but rather a far more heroic and difficult choice—that of peaceful and legitimate political struggle," Ricciardone concludes.

Allies train together to fight counterterrorist campaigns

TWELVE DAYS before his visit, President Bush proclaimed the Philippines "a major non-NATO ally" of the United States. For the country's military, the title is more than merely honorific. Its enhanced status as an American ally—ranked with Australia, Japan, Israel, and Egypt—gives the Philippine Government greater access to American defense materiel and technologies.

After the September 11th terrorist attacks, President Macapagal-Arroyo had been among the first leaders to pledge her support for the U.S.-led antiterrorist coalition. On September 26, 2001, she announced 14 counterterrorist policies. She allowed the use of Philippine facilities as transit and staging groups for coalition troops—and held out the possibility of deploying both combat troops and medical personnel in antiterrorist fronts.

SHARED BATTLE-SPACE

MRS. ARROYO supported the U.S.-British attack on Iraq; and, after the fall of Saddam Hussein, authorized a small military contingent to help the coalition troops restore civil order.

Visiting Washington in May this year, she received President Bush's pledge of assistance:

$30 million in new grants-in-aid for military equipment and troop training, to enhance the Philippine military's capability to counter terrorist groups operating in the country.

$30 million in new development aid for Mindanao, and support for the peace process with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, as appropriate; and

$25 million in new grant assistance to train and equip a combat engineering unit and provide other military needs of the Philippine war on terror. The U.S. has also promised delivery to the PAF of 30 UH-1H helicopters

To upgrade the fighting capability of the ground troops, the U.S. is set to supply the Philippine military with some 30,000 new rifles.

Meanwhile, Filipino and American soldiers have been taking part in military exercises using state-of-the-art weapons and military equipment. Exercises such as the well-known *Balikatan* ('Shoulder-to-Shoulder') are enhancing the interoperability of American and Filipino fighting units and their support elements.

Shoulder to shoulder in Balikatan *exercise, Filipino and American soldiers train together in the Mindanao hinterland.*

'TEAM CHALLENGE'

"TEAM CHALLENGE," larger-scale exercises between Filipino and American troops and observers from Singapore and Thailand, are meant to improve coordination among multinational forces in a shared battle-space. The exercises call on the armed forces taking part to muster joint task forces ready to launch combined operations in response to contingencies.

Senate committee okays vets' benefits

THE U.S. SENATE Veterans Affairs Committee unanimously approved on September 30, 2003, two White House-backed bills providing Filipino World War II veterans with additional VA medical-care benefits.

U.S. Senate bill 1132, or the "Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act," authorizes full war-related compensation to 500 U.S.-based New Scouts and widows for war-related injuries or illnesses.

'IT'S COMING'

A SECTION IN another Senate bill, 1156, or the "Veterans Health Care Authorities Extension and Improvement Act," provides full eligibility to 8,000 Filipino veterans living in the United States for Veterans Affairs hospitalization, nursing care and medicines, according to the American Coalition for Filipino Veterans, Inc. (ACFV), a Washington-based advocacy group.

The VA department estimated the budget for the additional benefits provided by the two bills to be $19 million yearly. Senate bill 1132 further extends for five years the operational authority of the U.S. VA Regional Office in Manila to provide services to more than 17,000 American and Filipino veterans and their dependents there.

"*Malapit na* [It's coming]. I can soon get my VA Universal Access ID card and join my fellow American veterans at the VA hospital," said Joaquin Tejada, 80, a disabled New Philippine Scout living in Washington.

ACFV supporters are lobbying the U.S. Senate and Congress to pass Senate bill 68 that was introduced by Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii. The bill if passed will provide VA medical and disability pension benefits to surviving veterans in the U.S. and in the Philippines.

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SCIENCE/HEALTH

Access to safe water a basic right

By Tessa Salazar

WATER is essential to human life. Yet the world is facing a global emergency where more than one billion people do not have access to clean water supply and more than two billion do not have access to adequate sanitation, a primary cause of water-borne diseases.

Each year, more than 2.2 million people die from diseases associated with poor water and sanitary conditions, and 6,000 children die every day from diseases that could have been prevented by improved water supply and sanitation.

In 2002, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan warned that if present trends were to continue, water was "likely to become a growing source of tension and fierce competition between nations."

On the positive side, however, it could also be a "catalyst for cooperation" among countries, he said.

Other rights come next

Many policymakers have argued for the need to acknowledge access to safe water as a human right. They say this could be the most important step in addressing the challenge of providing people with water, the most basic element of life.

They say that without equitable access to clean water, other rights such as the right to a standard of living adequate for health and well-being and civil and political rights are not attainable.

Among international rights agreements, only in the Convention on the Rights of the Child actually mentions water. The treaty includes clean drinking water as an element of the right to the highest attainable standard of health.

According to the UN Public Information Office, the exclusion of water as an explicit right was due more to its nature: like air, it was considered so fundamental that its explicit inclusion was thought unnecessary.

Year of freshwater

The UN has thus designated 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater to raise awareness and galvanize action to better manage and protect water as a resource.

During the millennium summit in 2000, 147 world leaders agreed to reduce by half by the year 2015 the number of people who are unable to reach or afford safe drinking water. During the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002, nations also committed to halve the number of people without access to basic sanitation services by 2015.

But the cost of achieving such would be daunting.

Upgrading water supply and sanitation to meet basic human needs in developing countries is estimated to cost about $20 billion a year. The current spending in these countries is already about $10 billion each year.

Water loss

The UN said that while there is still enough potable water to go around, it needs to be properly managed and used.

Much water is wasted or used inefficiently, and demand often grows faster than what nature could supply, it said.

Statistics have shown that about 70 percent of all available freshwater is used for agriculture. Sixty percent of this is lost to evaporation or is returned to rivers and groundwater aquifers due to inefficient irrigation systems, particularly in developing countries.

Water losses due to leakage, illegal water connections and waste total about 50 percent of the water used for drinking in developing countries.

About 40 percent of the world's population currently lives in areas with moderate to high water stress. By 2025, it is estimated that about two-thirds of the world's population—about 5.5 billion people—will live in areas facing such water stress.

Finding solutions

The UN is urging citizens and governments to act now, before it is too late.

Freshwater ecosystems have already been severely degraded. Half the world's wetlands have been lost and more than 20 percent of the world's 10,000 known freshwater animal species are extinct.

Annan, in his message for the International Year of Freshwater, says the world needs to improve its stewardship of water resources.

"We need much more efficient irrigation, far less toxic agriculture and industry, and new investments in water infrastructure and services.

"And we need to free women and girls from the daily burden of walking great distances in search of water—time and effort that could be better spent on education and building better lives for themselves, their families and their communities."

A water crisis Filipinos will pay dearly for

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

IT is lamentable and alarming that a country like ours, which is surrounded by water and is rich in aquaculture, is turning out to be prone to a water crisis.

We don't realize how essential water is until our supply is cut off. We willingly part with hundreds of pesos to get a few liters of safe drinking water and a drum of relatively clean water for cooking and bathing, and we recycle water for washing and watering our plants.

As Sixto Tolentino Jr., director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources NCR (National Capital Region) Environmental Management Bureau, put it: "Water is life and life is water."

The human body, like all living bodies, cannot function properly and survive without this colorless, odorless and tasteless substance.

The body's ultramicroscopic cells and the vital organs (the heart, brain and kidneys) cannot perform their functions to keep our body alive if they are deprived of water for more than several days.

One can survive without food for a longer time. Those who go on a hunger strike manage even without food for weeks as long as they have a regular intake of water.

False sense of security

We think little of water when we have an abundance of it. Some would rather have a liter or two of soft drinks daily than a much healthier equivalent volume of water. Some don't seem to care much about leaking faucets or gushing fire hydrants to save hundreds or thousands of gallons of water which literally go down the drain.

We have a false sense of security that we'll never run out of water since three-fourths of the earth's surface is filled with water. But we might be in for a big surprise how erroneous this common perception is.

Tolentino explains that 97 percent of the earth's water is salt water from the ocean, and it cannot be used for drinking or for irrigation of crops because of its salt content.

Only 3 percent of the water on Earth is fresh and good for drinking. Two percent of this fresh water can be found in ice caps and glaciers. One percent is found in smaller bodies of water such as lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, groundwater and the small amount of vapor in the atmosphere.

"Although it seems that water is everywhere, the irony is that only a little amount can be used for its very purpose, which is for drinking," says Tolentino.

He adds that while extraction of the salt content from ocean water can be done, the process is too expensive, which is why no water industry resorts to this practice.

Gasoline cheaper

While many of us in the big cities enjoy an ample supply of water, Tolentino reports that there is no sufficient supply of clean and healthy drinking water for many Filipinos.

In 1995, the demand for potable water exceeded supply by 33 percent. Majority of the population has resorted to buying bottled water or refills from water stations which have mushroomed all over the country.

Bottled water has now become more expensive than gasoline. Despite its cost though, sales of bottled water is increasing.

"The public would rather tighten their belts than jeopardize their health," says Tolentino.

He said a study by the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service showed that 70 percent of urban residents in the Philippines do not trust the quality of tap water, which they believe to be plagued with bacteria and other microorganisms.

Distilled and mineral bottled water dominate the local market mainly because they are cheaper than sparkling, low-end, still water and aerated types. However, the difference in the price of potable tap water and the cheapest brand of bottled water is still significant.

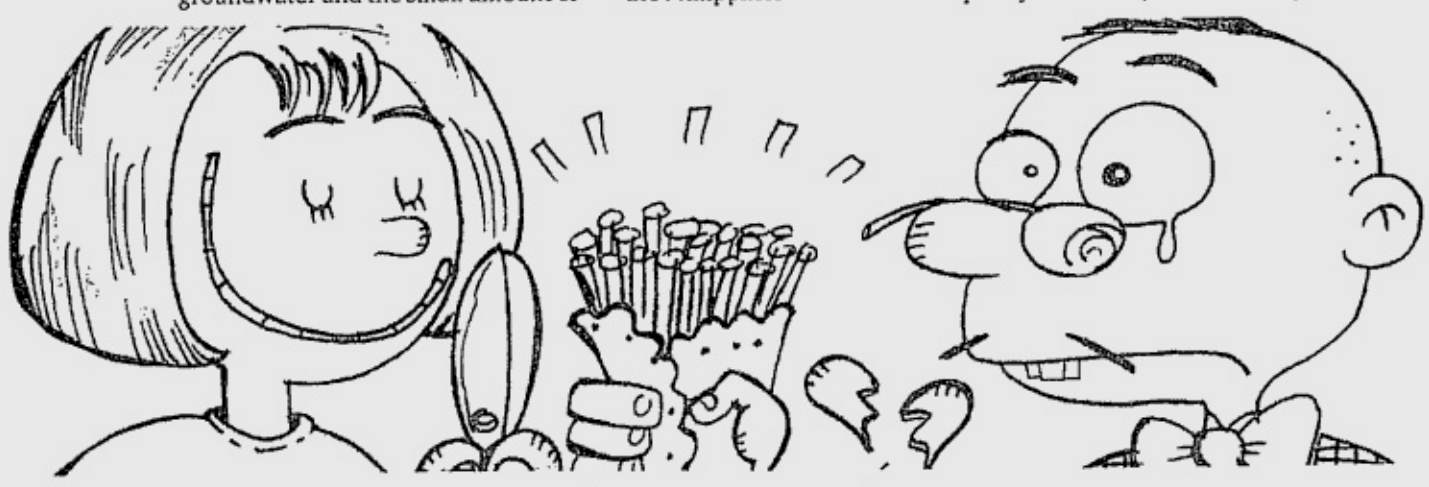
Water pollution

Pollution of the local water supply is a prevalent problem that has to be properly addressed. Cholera outbreaks in recent years have been linked to the contamination of potable water. Widespread use of chlorine to decontaminate water only worsened its quality.

Tolentino explains that several other factors have caused the deterioration of potable water. The dwindling of forests, defective watersheds, floods, as well as the wear and tear of water pipelines contribute to the lack of supply of potable water for the public.

Some entrepreneurs have even resorted to the importation of bottled water.

"The very resource that surrounds us has turned out to be the very thing that we lack, and all because of our unawareness and misuse of the natural resource," Tolentino says.



Providing emotional support for children suffering from cancer

By Charles E. Buban

HOSPITALS must not only provide medical expertise for children with cancer but must also give tender and more focused care.

Says Dr. Tito Torralba, medical director of the University of Santo Tomas Hospital: "Children should be handled differently. As much as possible, treatment schedules must be designed to minimize the disruption to family life and maximize the child's participation in normal activities."

It is for this reason the UST hospital welcomed the establishment of the USTH-Kythe, which is supported by the Kythe Foundation, Asia Foundation and Pfizer Philippines Foundation.

Torralba says the initial efforts and training were made in the section of hematology and oncology under the supervision of its section chief Dr. Mary Chua, Jamie Isip of Kythe Ateneo, social worker Juliet Reyes and nurse Rowena Testa.

Loving, sharing

Kythe Foundation is a group of doctors, child life specialists and volunteers helping children fight cancer through holistic programs and activities, explained Dr. Victoria Abesamis, a pediatric oncologist and the head of the Tumor Clinic at the East Avenue Medical Center in Quezon City. Abesamis is one of the founders of the foundation.

Kythe is derived from the Scottish word *kayth* meaning healing through simple loving, sharing and togetherness.

"The Kythe approach is holistic. The child-patient is treated not only for the physical pain, but also for the emotional, social and spiritual agony he or she goes through," explains Abesamis.

She says the Child Life Program (CLP) involves five phases: preparation for health care procedures, assistance during health care procedures, bridging transition from hospital to home, hospice care, and bereavement.

There are currently nine CLPs in various hospitals around the country.

Three of these—at the Tarlac Provincial Hospital, Davao Medical Center and UST Hospital—are supported by Pfizer Philippines Foundation.

Accessible health care

Says Pfizer corporate affairs director Karen Villanueva: "The expansion of the CLP to the UST Hospital is in line with the company's goal of providing healthcare access to as many people as possible. Through CLP, we are happy to be able to make a contribution to efforts in pediatric cancer treatment."

Included in the Kythe CLP are the training of child-life specialists who will implement the program and the provision of child-friendly playrooms.

"The program aims to provide nonpharmaceutical support to pediatric patients (including non-cancer patients), their caregivers and families," explains Villanueva.

In addition, the program hopes to help patients cope with the challenges of their illnesses by providing pediatric illness education, coping and distraction technique, therapeutic activities, preparation for medical procedures and outdoor activities.

When one hurts

DISCOVER

Massie Santos Ballon

DOES rejection hurt? Anyone who's ever been turned down, wasn't invited to the birthday party everyone else attended, or never got selected to do something special knows the answer is yes.

In the Oct. 10 issue of Science, psychologist Naomi Eisenberger and her colleagues from the University of California at Los Angeles and Macquarie University in Australia present findings that suggest emotional pain hurts every bit as much as physical pain because the same areas of the brain are affected.

CyberBall

To reach their conclusion, Dr. Eisenberger et al. connected 13 individuals to a functional magnetic resonance imaging system (fMRI), a scanner that looks at activity in specific regions of the brain, during a virtual reality game of CyberBall (the objective is to pass the ball back and forth between players).

Although the volunteers were hooked up to the MRI scanner one at a time, they were led to believe that the two people they saw playing CyberBall were actually two other test participants and that they would be able to play together as soon as all three MRI scanners were linked.

The two CyberBall players, however, were actually computer-generated.

Left out of game

The volunteers' brains were scanned as they watched the game. Then the researchers told them that the link had been established and that they could now participate in the game.

The researchers then scanned each volunteer's brain twice—when all three players were involved in the game and when the two computer-generated players eventually stopped including the volunteer in their game.

After the session, each volunteer filled out a questionnaire about his feelings during the game and his involvement.

While analyzing the brain scans, the researchers were struck by activity in the anterior cingulated cortex (ACC) and the right ventral prefrontal cortex (RVPFC).

Previous studies have shown that activity in the ACC is triggered when one feels pain because, as Dr. Eisenberger et al. put it, "something is wrong."

This sense of wrongness then activates the RVPFC, which is the brain's way of trying to reduce the pain that is felt.

In one study cited by Eisenberger et al., rats that underwent some particularly painful and distressing tests that had their ACCs extremely active were able to withstand pain better after the scientists directly stimulated their RVPFCs.

I personally think research psychologists do the most unnerving animal experiments in the name of understanding brain functions better. At least the mice and monkeys being used for cancer and AIDS research aren't in as much pain, and don't get killed just for a look at their brains.

Can't be alone

Given the result of the rat experiment, and the theory that pain of any sort—physical or emotional—activates the ACC and RFPVC in humans, researchers were not surprised to find that these portions of the brain were active when the volunteers were excluded from playing the game.

Interestingly, before each volunteer's scanner was "linked" to those of the other "players," the ACC was active for all 13 participants but not the RFPVC. This suggested that while the participants felt excluded from the game to some extent, the fact that they weren't blatantly cut off from the activity meant their brains felt no need to actively soothe their psyches.

This seems to suggest that despite all claims, no man really wants to be an island. If he feels society needs him in some way, he will never die of a broken heart.

Left alone, not be alone

This idea leads to an interesting theory about why emotional pain hurts as much as physical pain—it's tied into the survival instincts of mammals.

As neuroscientist Jaak Panksepp puts it, "Given the dependence of mammalian young on their caregivers, it is not hard to comprehend the strong survival value conferred by common neural pathways that elaborate both social attachment and the affective qualities of physical pain."

In other words, we humans have from birth been evolutionarily conditioned to want to be with others because we can't fend for ourselves at that time. To be abandoned means death, and that's a very physical pain unless you're lucky enough to die peacefully in your sleep.

Greta Garbo said it best when she explained, "I never said, 'I want to be alone.' I only said, 'I want to be left alone.' There is a whole world of difference."

There aren't any emotional Band-Aids on the market yet, so please do your part in making sure no one feels unloved or unwanted today. It could literally mean life or death.

Breakthrough in breast cancer survival

By Charles E. Buban

THE CHANCES of postmenopausal women living longer after a bout with breast cancer have been increased with the discovery that a two-drug regimen can reduce the recurrence of cancer by almost half.

An international study (called MA-17) involving 5,187 postmenopausal women found that use of the drug letrozole (Femara) after five years of tamoxifen (Nolvadex) use reduced the risk of breast cancer recurrence by 43 percent.

Results of the study appeared in the online edition of the New England Journal of Medicine this month.

Dr. Valorie Chan, an oncologist at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, said that occasionally, breast cancer can recur after primary treatment through surgery, radiation therapy and drugs.

Recurrence can be classified into three: local, in which the cancerous tumor cells remain in the original site and grow back; regional, in which the cancer has spread past the breast and underarm lymph nodes; and distant, in which the cancer has metastasized or has spread to other areas like the bone, bone marrow, lungs, liver, brain or other organs.

Breast cancer, according to Chan, is the second most common among women after skin cancer, and is the second most common cause of death among women after lung cancer.

But because of earlier detection and more effective treatments, the death rate from breast cancer has declined significantly over the years.

Trial stopped

Tamoxifen has been used for nearly 20 years to treat patients with advanced breast cancer. But clinical trials have shown that tamoxifen therapy ceases being effective after five years.

The MA-17 study was done to determine if letrozole, a new and very powerful drug for advanced breast cancer, would reduce the risk of cancer recurrence among women who have completed 4.5 to six years of tamoxifen therapy.

Study participants came from Canada, United States, England, Belgium, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Switzerland. The study was funded by the Canadian Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institutes of Canada and the United States and Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Chan said the committee studying the results of the tests recommended that the trial be stopped because the benefit was already clear. But she said it was not known how long letrozole should be taken to get a maximum benefit and whether it has long-term complications.

Slows estrogen production

Letrozole, which belongs to a class of drugs known as aromatase inhibitors, acts by suppressing the production of estrogen.

"Although estrogen is a hormone naturally produced by the body, it can stimulate and maintain the growth of certain types of cancer," Chan said.

Unlike tamoxifen, which prevents the binding of estrogens to the estrogen-receptors of cancer cells, letrozole slows down or stops the growth of cancer cells by decreasing the amount of estrogen produced.

No serious side effects

Novartis said that at the recommended daily dose of 2.5 mg, the drug is generally well-tolerated and most of the side effects are generally mild to moderate.

The most common side effects are bone pain, hot flushes, back pain, difficulty in breathing, nausea, arthralgia (pain of the tissues in and around the joints), coughing, fatigue, constipation, pain in the limb, chest pain and headache.

"But we should remember that people react to drugs in different ways—some may not even report any side effects—and it is really impossible to predict who is going to have these side effects," Chan said.

Metrobank Outstanding Teachers: college level

(Conclusion)

FOR THE PAST weeks, the five elementary school and four high school Metrobank teacher awardees this year have been featured in this column. Now we look at the winners from the college level.

Sonia S. Daquila, Ph.D., after 28 years of service is the first awardee from the University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, Bacolod City.

She specializes in political science and has written and published "Seeds of Revolution" and "Politics and Governance with the Philippine Constitution" (with a circulation of 28,000 and 10,000, respectively), which were endorsed by CHED and used by colleges and universities in the region.

Poverty inspired her to work hard. "Frustrations and difficulties made me cling to God. They made me appreciate the value of time, to be industrious and to observe self-discipline. Deprivation and hardship developed in me an indomitable spirit, the drive to persevere and the capacity to transform difficulties into opportunities."

She walks the talk. She has a doctorate in Political Science (summa cum laude), a master's in Development Education (Benemeritus honors), and a bachelor's in Political Science (magna cum laude).

Teaching not merely a job

"Teaching made me realize that learning is unending, that the classroom can never be boring, as I easily share laughter with my students and find in each meeting an opportunity to learn something new together."

She received the Women of Distinction Award in the field of Education (district level) from the Soroptimists International of Bacolod, and was chosen the Most Outstanding Administrator (province-wide).

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

"When I am gone, I want to be remembered as a teacher who taught my students things beyond the confines of the classroom, who touched the core of their being by making them reflect about themselves, the meaning of their existence, their significance in a larger society, and the importance of the Creator."

Literature specialist

Jaime L. An Lim, Ph.D., the second awardee from the MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology in the city, has taught for 21 years. He specializes in comparative literature, and was the organizer and first director of the National Writers Workshop in Mindanao and co-editor of the Workshop Proceedings since 1995.

He is editor of The Mindanao Forum, regional coordinator for Northern and Central Mindanao of the National Committee on Literary Arts, and frequent contributor of poems, short stories and essays to several textbooks for Philippine literature courses nationwide.

He considers himself most fortunate to have as friends literary greats such as Ediberto and Edith Tiempo, Claus Cluver, Leonard Casper, Bienvenido Lumbera, Cirilo Bautista, Gemino Abad, Ophelia Dimalanta, F. Sionil Jose and N. V. M. Gonzalez.

He won first prize in the 1993 Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature (short story), the 2000 Gawad Pambansang Alagad ni Balagtas (Umpil), and second prize in the 1978 Asian Student Annual Essay Contest (based in San Francisco).

"To teach specific pieces of information, literary and otherwise, is important," he says. "But more important is to teach students how to learn and to love learning as a never-ending process of self-improvement and self-fulfillment.

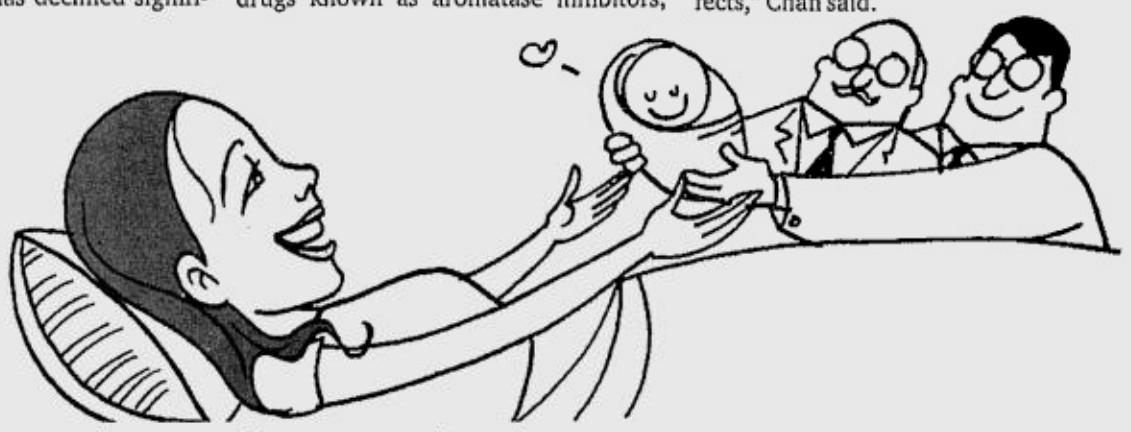
"My favorite quotation is only indirectly related to teaching, but it can still be used as a guide. It is called the Serenity Prayer: 'Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.' After all, teaching, as we all know, is basically changing people, for the better."

Vindication

I am honored to join Doctors Daquila and An Lim as college level awardees for my teaching, research and service in mathematics and psychology at the Ateneo de Manila University, where I have taught for more than 13 years. Although I have won other national awards, like my fellow awardees this year, this one is special because it not only spurs me to guide students but it also vindicates my choice of career in this lifetime.

Again, our deepest appreciation to the Metrobank Foundation.

I would also like to express my gratitude to my many mentors through the years: Fr. Ben Nebres, S.J., Fr. Dan McNamara, S.J., the late Dr. Doreen Fernandez, Dr. Miren Intal, Dr. Honey Carandang, Dr. Marijo Ruiz, Dr. Jose Marasigan, Dr. Norman Quimpo, Chita Rosales, Lorna Kalaw-Tirol, Karina Bolasco, Fr. Jaime Bulatao, S.J., Fr. Asandas Balchand, S.J., Dr. Achoot Cuyegkeng, Dr. Toby Dayrit, and many more. Thank you.



2 drug firms help prevent HIV transmission from mother to child

ABBOTT Laboratories and Boehringer Ingelheim have teamed up to help prevent the transmission of HIV from mother to child in the developing world.

Under the cooperative arrangement, eligible organizations with comprehensive PMTCT prevention can receive, at no charge, Abbott's Determine HIV 1/2 rapid tests and nevirapine, an antiretroviral treatment discovered and developed by Boehringer Ingelheim.

Enabling greater access

Apart from providing tests and treatment, the alliance will enable greater access to these donated products, make it easier for organizations to receive product donations and encourage the creation of new PMTCT programs in the developing world.

Abbott and Boehringer Ingelheim have jointly approached eligible organizations and have arranged for one common application to both donations at www.pmtctdonations.org.

Eligible PMTCT programs will be able to offer Abbott's rapid HIV test and Boehringer Ingelheim's intervention antiretroviral treatment nevirapine to pregnant women positive for HIV.

Both companies are working with Axios International, an organization for the improvement of health care in developing countries, to provide a simple application process for PMTCT programs. Participating agencies that support qualified PMTCT programs include the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the Catholic Medical Mission Board, and Family Health International.

Saving lives of many kids

"Turning the tide against the spread of HIV from mother to child requires the cooperation and leadership of many stakeholders," said Miles D. White, chair and chief executive officer, Abbott Laboratories. "We're pleased to partner with Boehringer Ingelheim on this important effort that can make a difference in saving the lives of many children. This cooperation will help prevent HIV transmission and assist these developing nations stabilize their future."

For his part, Prof. Rolf Krebs, chair of Boehringer Ingelheim board of managing directors, said: "This alliance is an example of how the health care industry can work together and leverage its scientific talent and resources to help make a real difference fighting this disease."

Donations

The firm announced its nevirapine donation program in July 2000. Since then, 93 programs are operating in 44 developing countries. In these programs, pregnant women receive one tablet of nevirapine during labor and the child receives a dose of nevirapine suspension within the first 72 hours after being born. This regimen has been found to be effective in reducing virus transmission from mother to child in an easy and safe way.

In June 2002, Abbott made a commitment to donate up to 20 million of its Determine HIV rapid tests to programs addressing PMTCT in 68 developing countries, including all of Africa. To date, nearly half a million tests have been shipped to qualified PMTCT programs. "Enabling pregnant women to know their HIV status is the first step toward prevention," said Rob Dintruff, director of Abbott's global care initiatives, which includes the Determine HIV donation program.

"Those who test positive can take action to reduce the likelihood of HIV transmission to their children and those who test negative can receive prevention counseling."

WORLD HEART DAY 2003

Women urged to adopt healthy lifestyle

MANY women are unaware that their risk of heart disease is far greater than their danger of having breast cancer and ovarian cancer combined. This is perhaps the reason this year's celebration of the World Heart Day is dubbed "Women, Heart Disease and Stroke."

With this growing concern, Philippine Heart Association president Dr. Romeo J. Santos advocates the value of preventive cardiovascular care through a healthy lifestyle among women.

"According to the American Heart Association, one in five women have some form of cardiovascular disease," says Dr. Santos. "One in two women will eventually die of heart disease or stroke, compared with one in 27 who will eventually die of breast cancer."

Greater risk of dying

A recent study also showed that women with a history of both diabetes and coronary heart disease (CHD) run a 30-fold greater risk of dying from CHD than non-diabetic women.

In another study, 38 percent of women who have heart attacks die within a year compared with 25 percent of men. Women have heart attacks at older ages than men and they are more likely to die from them within a week.

PHA president Dr. Romeo J. Santos commends Merck Sharp and Dohme for its initiative to reduce the price of its cholesterol drug simvastatin by as much as 57 percent, which will benefit many Filipino women who are at risk of cardiovascular disease. Also shown are, from left, MSD Cardiovascular business unit director Stephanie Merida and MSD corporate affairs director Christine Liwanag.

Dr. Santos stresses that even though pre-menopausal women are somehow protected from cardiovascular disease, this is not a guarantee of full protection if they do not follow a healthy lifestyle.

Other risk factors like smoking, obesity, high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol levels contribute to the development of heart disease. Studies also show that more women, beginning at the age of 50, have elevated cholesterol levels than men.

Cholesterol lowering

A large clinical trial that looked into the blood cholesterol levels of women was the UK-based Heart Protection Study (HPS). The study evaluated the cholesterol-lowering effects of a statin in a wide range of high-risk patients. One out of every four trial participants was female.

Since cardiovascular disease is a top killer of women worldwide and little research has been done to evaluate the effects of cholesterol lowering in women, HPS provides important new insights into the treatment of women at risk for heart disease.

Results of the HPS showed a direct benefit for females taking simvastatin (the cholesterol-lowering medicine used in HPS), which reduced the risk of women from having heart attack, stroke and other related heart diseases. Not only women benefited from the study but even high-risk patients considered to have normal or low cholesterol levels.

More affordable for women

Since CVD is a chronic disease that may require a sustained maintenance therapy, explains Dr. Santos, the Philippine Heart Association commends the initiative of pharmaceutical companies to make their cardiovascular drugs more affordable for Filipino women.

He emphasizes however the need for women to consult with their doctors so they can learn more about risk factors such as abnormal cholesterol levels as well as the best available treatments that could reduce the incidence of heart attack and stroke.

Ampalaya products safe, promote health

"AMPALAYA food supplements fortify the diet," this was declared in a joint press statement signed by Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit, Bureau of Food and Drugs director Leticia Gutierrez and the heads of the various doctors' groups and the ampalaya manufacturers' association.

In a meeting called by Dayrit, the groups decided to issue the joint statement to assure the public that ampalaya food supplements registered with the BFAD are safe and that the Department of Health (DOH) and the BFAD have never banned their use by the public.

"Ampalaya food supplements are wholesome and we do not discourage the public from taking them," Dayrit said.

Public assurance

Chamber of Herbal Industries of the Philippines Inc. (CHIP) president Lito Abelarde, whose company produces Charantia, the first BFAD-registered ampalaya food supplement, welcomed the initiative of Dayrit in clarifying the confusion and assuring the public that BFAD-registered ampalaya products are safe and helpful in promoting health.

Apart from Dayrit and Gutierrez, the other signatories to the joint press statement were Dr. Araceli Panelo, executive director of the Institute for Studies of Diabetes Foundation Inc.; Dr. Rosa Allyn Sy, president of the Philippine Diabetes Association; Dr. Roberto Mirasol, president of the Philippine Society of Endocrinolgy and Metabolism; Dr. Guia Abad, president of the Association of Municipal Health Doctors of the Philippines (Amhop) and Abelarde.

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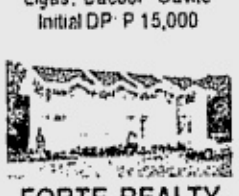

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Interested brokers may submit their Letter of Intent to BCDA. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Offering of the HPICs will be ready for distribution to interested proponents on 17 October 2003 at the BCDA office. The TOR will outline the requirements that will enable participation in the privatization. A non-refundable cost of the TOR is Php1,000.00 payable to BCDA.

A conference among interested proponents is tentatively set on 05 November 2003 at 2:00 P.M. The objective of the conference is to discuss the property and project structure that form part of the Offering of HPICs, the TOR and other clarifications from interested brokers. Interested brokers will be informed of the final schedule and venue of the conference through contact numbers submitted to BCDA.

Interested brokers can direct their inquiries to:

THE CHAIRMAN
ADP Committee (ADPCom)
BCDA Corporate Center
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The bidding shall utilize a two (2) sealed envelope system. The first envelope shall contain the Technical Bid and the second envelope shall contain the Financial Bid. The Technical & Financial Bids shall be submitted in two (2) sets each to the Contract Secretariat not later than **3:00 P.M. of October 27, 2003** at the PNOC EC Conference Room located at the above address and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter. Late bids shall not be accepted.

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Lot 36 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 267.95 sqm Floor Area: 110 sqm
Lot 317-A 964 Valeo St., Malusak, Sta. Rosa
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 941,844

Lot 37 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 240 sqm Floor Area: 69 sqm
Lot 2 Blk 7 Begonia St., Cons I Subd., Carlubang, Calamba
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 710,855

BATANGAS

Lot 38 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 462 sqm
Lot 5 Blk 2, Azalia Homes Subd., Antipolo Del Norte, Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,478,000

Lot 39 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 165 sqm
Lot 2 Blk 4, Agatana St., Sakura Executive Subd., Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 483,887

Lot 40 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 801 sqm
Int. B, Marada Ave., Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,404,250

RIZAL

Lot 41 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 120 sqm
Lot 4 Blk 15, Monte Vista Hts. Subd., Brgy. Dolores, Taytay
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 240,000

Lot 42 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 120 sqm
Lot 6 Blk 15, Monte Vista Hts. Subd., Brgy. Dolores, Taytay
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 240,000

Lot 43 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 150 sqm
Lot 3 Blk 15, Monte Vista Hts. Subd., Brgy. Dolores, Taytay
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 300,000

Lot 44 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 150 sqm
Lot 5 Blk 15, Monte Vista Hts. Subd., Brgy. Dolores, Taytay
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 300,000

Lot 45 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 140 sqm
Lot 2 Blk 15, Monte Vista Hts. Subd., Brgy. Dolores, Taytay
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 280,000

Lot 46 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 176 sqm
Lot 1 Blk 15, Monte Vista Hts. Subd., Brgy. Dolores, Taytay
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 352,000

Lot 47 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 621 sqm
Lot 14, Ortigas Ave. Ext., Exec. Hills Subd., Brgy. Dolores, Taytay
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 678,400

Lot 48 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 236 sqm
Lot 11 Blk 18, Heron St., Grandvalley Subd., Angono
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 318,750

Lot 49 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 299 sqm
Lot 18 Blk 11, Victoria St., Vista Verde Villa Ph8, Mayamot, Antipolo City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 685,950

Lot 50 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 150 sqm
Lot 16-A Windy Lane cor. Shearwater Sts., Vista Verde Country Homes Ph1, Mayamot, Antipolo City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 273,600

Lot 53 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 272 sqm Floor Area: 130 sqm
1 Tanguile Mahogany St., Palmera Hts. Subd., Ph2, Cainta
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 660,280

Lot 54 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 240 sqm Floor Area: 186 sqm
Lot 4 Blk 23, #346 Gardenia St., Greenhts Newton Subd., Brgy. Mayamot, Antipolo City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 428,400

Lot 55 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 74 sqm Floor Area: 101 sqm
Lot 21 Blk 2 Homepoint Vill. Subd., San Isidro, Angono
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 550,120

Lot 56 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 74 sqm Floor Area: 42 sqm
Lot 20 Blk 2 Homepoint Vill. Subd., San Isidro, Angono
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 259,888

QUEZON CITY

Lot 57 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 150 sqm
Lot 28 Blk 6, Evergreen St., Greenview Royale, P32, Sauyo, Novaliches
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 561,000

Lot 58 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 180 sqm Floor Area: 99 sqm
Lot 2 Blk 3, Ruby St., San Pedro 6, Tandang Sora
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,134,559

Lot 59 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 76.5 sqm Floor Area: 115 sqm
Lot 5 Blk 6, No. 35 Sto. Niño St., Villa Espana, Talalon
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,444,210

Lot 60 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 352 sqm Floor Area: 390 sqm
Lot 4 Blk 7, No. 19 Trinity St., Manes Vill., Tandang Sora
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 5,053,025

Lot 61 – CONDO
Floor Area: 80 sqm
Unit 201, 2nd Flr., Union Square Cond., 15th Ave., Quezon City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,399,187.67

Lot 62 – CONDO
Floor Area: 72.75 sqm
Adelina II Condominium, 4/F, Unit 404, Columbia corner Imperial Street
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,237,000

Lot 63 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 181 sqm Floor Area: 76 sqm
39 San Ignacio Street, Barangay Gulod, Novaliches
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 676,000

Lot 64 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 204 sqm
1020N4 Milestone Ave., Ext. Compound, Pasong Tamo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 867,000

Lot 65 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 462 sqm
Sunnyside Subdivision, Lot 8 Blk 9, Old Balara, Capitol District
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,213,000

Lot 66 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 300 sqm
Geneva Gardens, Neapolitan Homes Village, Lot 15 Block, 203 Milflores Street, Fairview
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,275,000

LAS PIÑAS

Lot 67 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 248 sqm Floor Area: 149 sqm
Moonwalk Subdivision, Lot 11 Block 7 Meteor Street
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,162,000

MAKATI

Lot 68 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 324 sqm Floor Area: 108 sqm
M. Dela Paz Subdivision, 1 Ponte Street, Barangay Singkamas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 5,103,000

Lot 69 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 347 sqm
2545 Anastacio Street corner La Consolacion Street, Guadalupe Nuevo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 4,425,000

MARIKINA

Lot 71 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 420 sqm Floor Area: 206 sqm
Industrial Valley Subdivision, 54 Aguinaldo Street
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,653,000

MUNTINLUPA

Lot 72 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 180 sqm Floor Area: 330 sqm
R.M. Tesoro Subdivision, Road Lot 3, Tunasan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 2,383,000

Lot 73 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 359 sqm
South Greenheights Subdivision, Everlasting Circle, Pulutan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 763,000

PARAÑAQUE

Lot 74 – CONDO
Floor Area: 76.4 sqm
Isabelle Mansion, Penthouse E, L.P. Leviste Ave., Sun Valley, Brgy. Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,091,000

Lot 75 – CONDO
Floor Area: 76.4 sqm
Isabelle Mansion, Penthouse G, L.P. Leviste Ave., Sun Valley, Brgy. Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,091,000

Lot 76 – CONDO
Floor Area: 48 sqm
Isabelle Mansion, Penthouse L, L.P. Leviste Ave., Sun Valley, Brgy. Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 686,000

Lot 77 – TOWNHOUSE
Lot Area: 78.75 sqm Floor Area: 62 sqm
Prince Court 1, Lot 4 Block 1, El Dorado Avenue, Better Living
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 537,000

Lot 78 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 397 sqm Floor Area: 156 sqm
B.F. Homes, Elizalde corner W. Verzons Street
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,317,000

PASIG

Lot 79 – CONDO
Floor Area: 181 sqm
Manila Luxury Condominium, 11/F, Unit 1103, Pearl Drive corner Gladen Loop, Ortigas Center
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 5,202,000

Lot 80 – CONDO
Floor Area: 152.6 sqm
Cesanta Towers, 5/F, Unit 504, Captain Javier Street, Brgy. Oranbo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 5,074,000

Lot 81 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 399 sqm Floor Area: 113 sqm
41 Gen. Delgado Street, San Antonio Village
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 9,862,000

BULACAN

Lot 82 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 200 sqm Floor Area: 747 sqm
Provincial Road, Sto. San Pedro, Purok 7, Area P, Sapang Palay, San Jose del Monte City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 2,439,000

Lot 83 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 248 sqm Floor Area: 240 sqm
Alido Heights Subdivision, 164 Cadena de Amor Street, Bulihan, Malolos
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,040,000

Lot 84 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 402 sqm Floor Area: 302 sqm
Barangay Canalgan, Malolos
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 765,000

Lot 85 – LOT & IMPRVMNT
Lot Area: 181 sqm Floor Area: 150 sqm
Barangay Pulong Gubat, 230 Nolasco Street, Balagtas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 664,000

Lot 86 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 233 sqm
Green Plains Subdivision, San Marcos, Calumpit
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 595,000

Lot 87 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 220 sqm
Green Plains Subdivision, San Marcos, Calumpit
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 561,000

Lot 88 – LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Green Plains Subdivision, Lot 14 Block 8, Eucalyptus Street, San Marcos, Calumpit
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 510,000

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Interested parties who meet the above requirements may apply personally with their resume, ID picture, transcript of records and other pertinent documents at the:

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
363 P. Casal St., Quiapo, Manila
Telephone No. 734-36-31

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HEAD OFFICE OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS	Holder of a Bachelor's Degree and an aligned Master's Degree in Psychology or Guidance and Counseling, with at least five (5) years satisfactory teaching experience in the tertiary level and at least three (3) years of satisfactory administrative or managerial experience, proficient in oral and written communication, of good moral character, computer literate, female.
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SHOW SCHEDULE

Saturday,
October 18, 2003

8:00 AM - Registration
8:30 AM - Judging
Ring 1&2 - Sporting Group
12:00 NN - Lunch Break
12:30 PM - Registration
1:00 PM - Judging
Ring 1 - Hound, Terrier & Toy Group
Ring 2 - Terrier, Toy & Hound Group

Sunday,
October 19, 2003

8:00 AM - Registration
8:30 AM - Judging
Ring 1 - Non-Sporting & Herding Group
Ring 2 - Herding & Non Sporting Group
12:00 NN - Lunch Break
12:30 PM - Registration
1:00 PM - Judging
Ring 1 - Boxer, Rottweiler, G. Dane, Dobe, Husky
Ring 2 - S Husky, Dobe, G Dane, Boxer, Rottweiler
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INVITATION TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on October 29, 2003, 2:00 p.m., Auditorium of the DBP Head Office, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave. cor. Makati Ave., Makati City for the following properties on CASH BASIS:

CODE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
REAL ESTATE			
MANILA			
AMD-EL-73	No. 72 Apple St., Km. 18, Maywood Village II, Parañaque City	340 m² residential/industrial lot (TCT No.146227) w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P 5,216,800.00
AMD-EL-74	Suite 12-B, Penthouse, Avalon Condominium, No. 95 Xavier St. cor. Ortigas Ave, San Juan	170 m² condominium unit (CCT No.10964-R)	P 7,354,000.00
ALBAY			
LEG-RBD-001	Doña Aurora St., Old Albay, Legaspi City	1,220 m² lots (TCT Nos. 53179 & 53178) w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P 5,000,000.00
BULACAN			
CWB-13	Tigbe, Norzagaray	1,028 m² agro-industrial lot (TCT No.T-401414 M) w/ bldgs. & imprvts.	P 2,011,400.00
CAVITE			
AMD-EL-75a	Cherry St., Greenfield Subd.,	216 m² residential lot (TCT No.T-899528) w/ fence	P 648,000.00
AMD-EL-75b	Bo. Silangan, Rosario	216 m² residential lot (TCT No.T-896707) w/ fence	P 648,000.00
CEBU			
AMD-ED-76	Canjulao, Lo-oc, Lapu-lapu City	2,988 m² residential lot (TCT No.T-48549)	P 4,483,500.00
LEYTE			
AMD-ML-77	So.Matam-is, Brgy. Binongto-an Alang-Alang	11,661 m² agricultural lot (TCT No.T-32425)	P 349,800.00
QUIRINO			
LJG-134	Brgy. Villamor, Cabarroguis,	73,344 m² agro-residential lot (TCT No.T-19)	P 1,833,400.00
RIZAL			
AMD-ML-78	Lot 8 Blk 6, Peace Village, San Jose, Antipolo City	80 m² residential lot (TCT No. R-14720) w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P 300,200.00
AMD-EL-79	Bagumbayan, Teresa	3,747m² int. agricultural lot (M-96063) w/ piggery bldgs. & imprvts.	P 1,733,600.00
CHATTELS (sale on "as-is, where-is" basis)			
CWB-29	Bldg. 693, SRF Cmpd., Gridley St., Subic Bay Free Port Zone, Olongapo City	Various stainless steel machinery & eqpt. for food mfg.	P 58,000.00 to P13,266,700.00
AMD-ED-80	Cagayan Valley Rd., Brgy. Tambubong, San Rafael, Bulacan	1 lot various woodworking machinery & eqpt.	P 7,076,300.00
AMD-EL-81a	TMEC Eqpt. Depot, Brgy. Paho, Libertad, Antique	5 units various machinery & eqpt. for marble quarrying	P 5,000.00 to 950,000.00
AMD-EL-81b	Along National Road, Brgy. Lablab, Aklan	1 unit Hitachi Backhoe, UH-07-03	P 120,000.00
AMD-EL-81c	Along National Road, Brgy. Cabugao, Aklan	1 unit Mitsubishi Backhoe, UH-09	P 80,000.00
AMD-ML-82	La Campana Cmpd., EDSA Balintawak, Quezon City	1 lot various sewing machinery & eqpt.	P 129,200.00
AMD-ML-83a	Bo. Tawiran, Obando, Bulacan	2 units hydraulic press	P 84,800.00
AMD-ML-83b		2 units grinding machine	P 36,600.00
AMD-EL-84	Brgy. Estrada, Capas	10 units various brick-making machinery & eqpt.	P 3,420.00 to 63,900.00
AMD-ML-85	DBP Depot, Doña Severina Subd., Parañaque City	1 unit Toolmaker Microscope	P 38,720.00
AMD-ED-86	DBP Depot, Doña Severina Subd., Parañaque City	1 lot sewing machines and eqpt.	P 26,400.00

BIDDERS ARE REMINDED:

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding;
2. To submit in DBP's official bid form available at the AMD-Acquired Assets, 2nd Floor, DBP Head Office during office hours; and
3. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences. The sale shall be subject to other terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Bank.

DBP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN, OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE BANK IS FINAL AND BINDING.

For inquiries, please call telephone numbers:
893-7172 or 818-9511 loc. 2218/2252 for Code starting with AMD;
892-3836 or 818-9511 loc. 2227 for LJG;
926-1686 or 818-9511 loc. 1411 for CWB; and
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ASSET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

(PDI – October 17 & 18, 2003)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION

The National Housing Authority is inviting *Offers to Purchase/Lease* on an *"As Is-Where Is"* basis, the following properties:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	BASE PRICE
I.	PUBLIC BIDDING - FIRST TENDER		
001	2 ha. institutional lot With TCT	Blk. 21, Kadayawan Homes, Davao City	PhP1,293.67 sq.m. or PhP25,873,400.00
II.	PUBLIC BIDDING - SECOND TENDER		
001	23,626 sq.m commercial/industrial property	Within Pier 18 Area, Vitas, Tondo, Manila	PhP12,850/sq.m. or PhP303.59 Million (sale) Php37/sq.m./mo. (lease)
III.	NEGOTIATED SALE		
A.	METRO MANILA		
001	14,685 sq.m. commercial property With TCT	Vitas, Tondo along R10	PhP15,000/sq.m. or PhP220.27 Million (sale) PhP53.33/sq.m./mo. (lease)
002	6,375.30 sq.m. commercial property With TCT	East Triangle, EDSA, Quezon City	PhP40,500/sq.m. or PhP258.21 Million
003	5,105 sq.m. commercial property With TCT	Lapu-lapu Avenue corners Ayungin & Babanse Sts., Dagat-dagatan Project	PhP12,000/sq.m. PhP61.26 Million
004	863.57 sq.m. commercial property With TCT	Felix Avenue, Karangalan Village Project, Pasig	PhP13,750/sq.m. or PhP11.87 Million
B.	NORTHERN/CENTRAL LUZON		
001	10,995 sq.m. commercial property With TCT	San Jose Del Monte, Sapang Palay, Bulacan	PhP700/sq.m. or PhP7.70 Million
002-013	12 commercial lots, 240 sq.m. to 978 sq.m. With TCTs	Towerville Subdivision San Jose Del Monte City	PhP300/sq.m. to PhP3,250/sq.m.
C.	VISAYAS		
001-005	5 commercial lots, 210 sq.m. each With TCTs	Kadungganan, Tacloban	PhP1,525/sq.m.
D.	MINDANAO		
001	11,570 sq.m. commercial property	Macabalan Puntod Cagayan de Oro City	PhP6,500/sq.m. or PhP75.21 Million
IV.	DIRECT AWARD TO ACTUAL OCCUPANTS		
001-009	9 commercial lots, 90 to 134 sq.m. With TCTs	Bagong Silang, Caloocan City	PhP2,420 to PhP2,835/sq.m.
010-015	6 institutional lots, 78.20 sq.m. to 120 sq.m.	Bagong Silang, Caloocan City	PhP1,650 to PhP2,200/sq.m.
016-145	130 commercial lots, 10 sq.m. to 834 sq.m. With TCTs	Dagat-dagatan Project	PhP7,333.33 to PhP13,750/sq.m.
146-153	8 institutional lots, 50 sq.m. to 243 sq.m. With TCTs	Towerville Subdivision San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan	PhP1,690 to PhP2,500/sq.m.
154-155	2 institutional lots with model units With TCTs	Towerville Subdivision San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan	PhP165,200 and PhP218,060
156-157	2 commercial properties 3,107 sq.m. & 16,600 sq.m. each	Vitas, Tondo	PhP15,000/sq.m.

Bidding Materials for Vitas property offered for second tender can be secured for a non-refundable fee of PhP200.00 from the *Commercial/Industrial Bids & Awards Committee (COINBAC) c/o the Commercial & Industrial Estates Department (CIED)*, Second Floor, NHA Main Bldg., Elliptical Road, Quezon City. Bidding Materials for Davao property can be secured from the NHA Davao Project Office. For further inquiry, please contact the following persons: *Ms. Evelyn V. Ramos or Ms. Neri A. Subido* at the following Tel. Nos. of *CIED: (02) 922-3002, (02) 928-4561 local 263 & 264.*

SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC BIDDING	VITAS, TONDO	DAVAO
A. Submission of Pre-Qualification Requirements	Oct. 13 to Oct. 21, '03 Office Hours, CIED-NHA Bldg. Elliptical Road, Q.C.	Oct. 20 to Nov. 5, '03 Office Hours, NHA Davao Project Office 127-D Everstrong Bldg. Montéverde St., Davao City
B. Pre-Bid Conference	Oct. 20, '03, 10:00 a.m. Operations Center, 3rd Floor NHA Bldg., Elliptical Road, Quezon City	Nov. 5, '03, 10:00 a.m NHA Davao Project Office
C. Submission of Sealed Bids	Oct. 23, '03, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Operations Center, 3rd Floor	Nov. 7, '03, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. NHA Davao Project Office
D. Opening of Sealed Bids	Oct. 23, '03, 1:30 p.m. Operations Center, 3rd Floor	Nov. 7, '03, 10:15 a.m to 12:00 noon NHA Davao Project Office

Applications for negotiated sale and direct award may be submitted at the respective NHA Project Offices during office hours starting 13 October 2003.

The Authority reserves the right to *reject* any or all offers or any part thereof or to *waive* any required formalities and *accept* offers most advantageous to the interest of NHA.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH PETER S. SISON
Assistant General Manager

(PDI - Oct. 11 & 18, 2003)

6th PWA People's Choice Awards voting opens

LAST October 6, the fate of the semifinalists in the sixth edition of the Philippine Web Awards (PWA) was given to the hands of the people as event organizer Media G8Way Corp. formally opened the voting for the People's Choice Awards.

The Websites with the most number of votes (text and online) at the end of the voting period - at exactly 6 p.m. on Nov. 5, 2003 - will be proclaimed winners in their respective categories and will be announced together with the final choices of this year's PWA judges during the event itself which will be held on Nov. 6 at the Onstage Theater, Greenbelt 1 in Makati City.

Online voters must first register at the 6th PWA official Website (www.philippinewebawards.com) before making their selections. Once in, they can just follow the voting procedures listed in the Website. Online voters can only vote once per category.

Text voters can get the list of category codes by keying in WEBBIES CAT to 2333 for Globe users or 332 for Smart subscribers. After acquiring the category codes, type WEBBIES <CAT>, i.e., WEBBIES ARTS to the same numbers to view the codes of the semifinalists in each of the categories. Finally, text WEBBIES VOTE <CODE> to seal the choice. Texters can vote as many times as they want for their selected semifinalists.

As a bonus for text voters, Media G8Way will hold a weekly raffle wherein lucky texters can win prizes such as a personal shredder, a 6th Philippine Web Awards T-shirt, a calculator and Internet cards. In the grand raffle draw to be conducted on Nov. 5, a fax machine will be given away.

Water cutoff in Meycauayan on Oct. 21 to allow pipe replacement

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Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapel, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

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PIEDAD ROCHA ALMONTE

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Her remains lie in state at the family residence at Morayta Street, Tabaco City.

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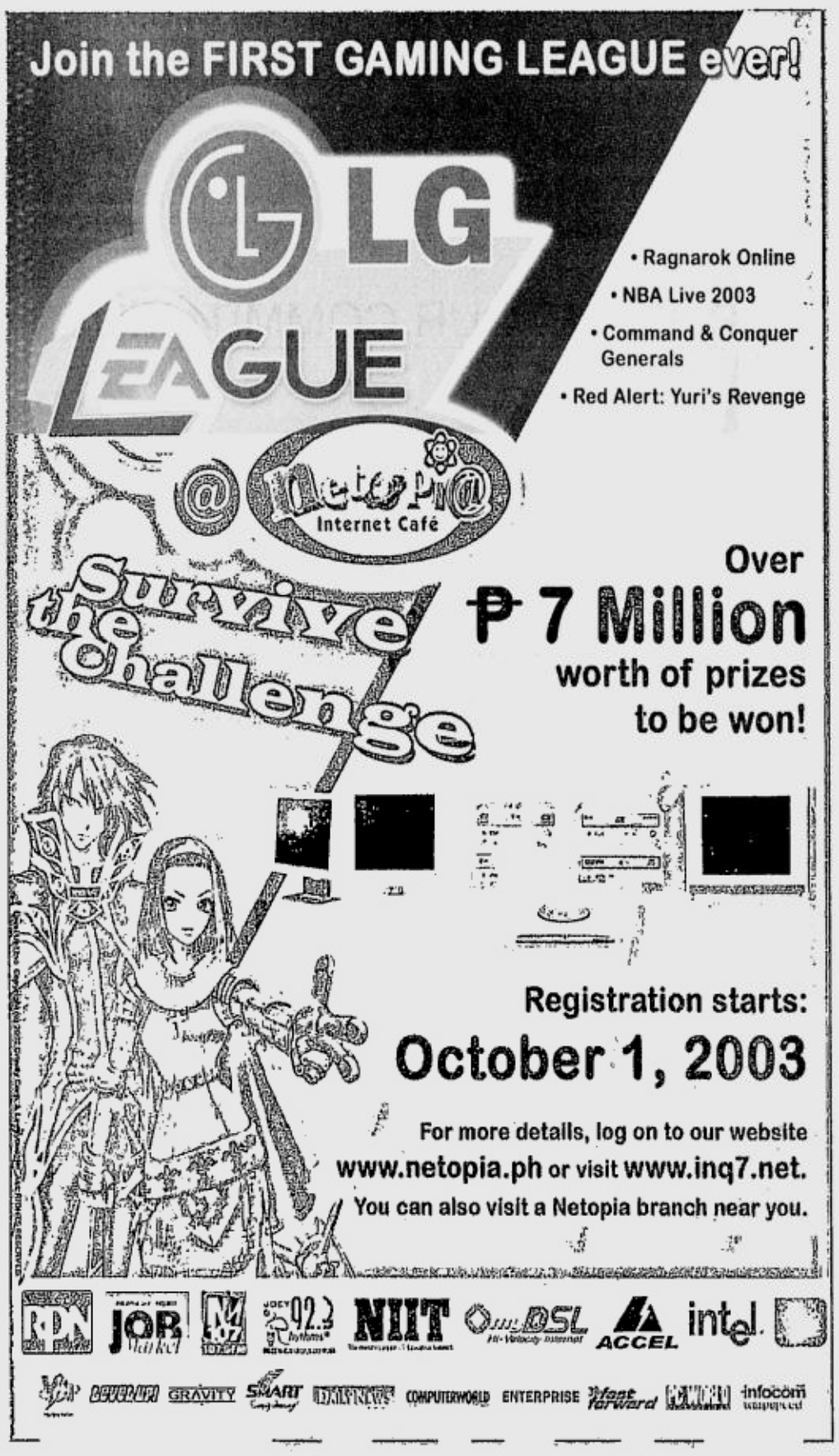

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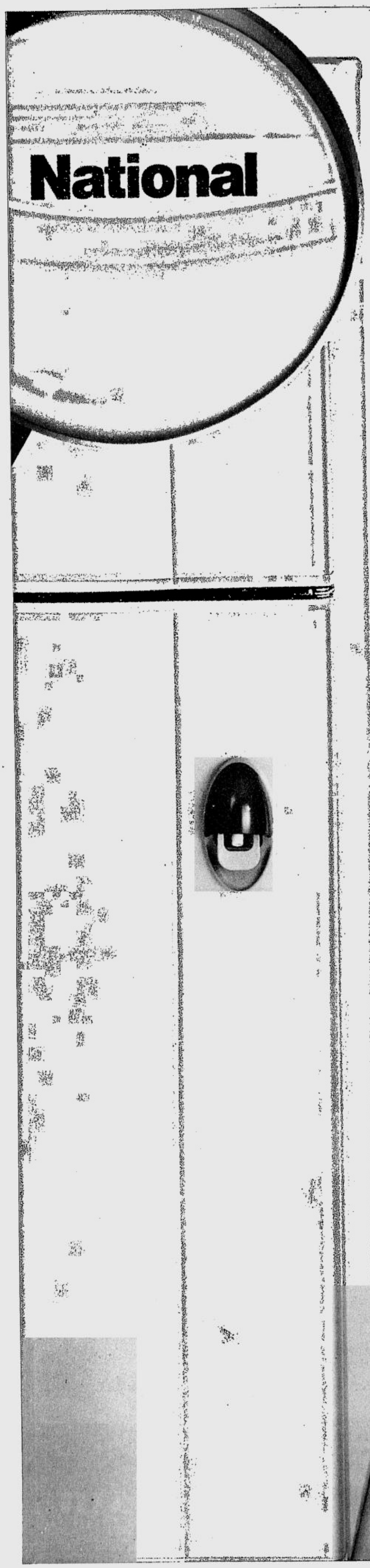

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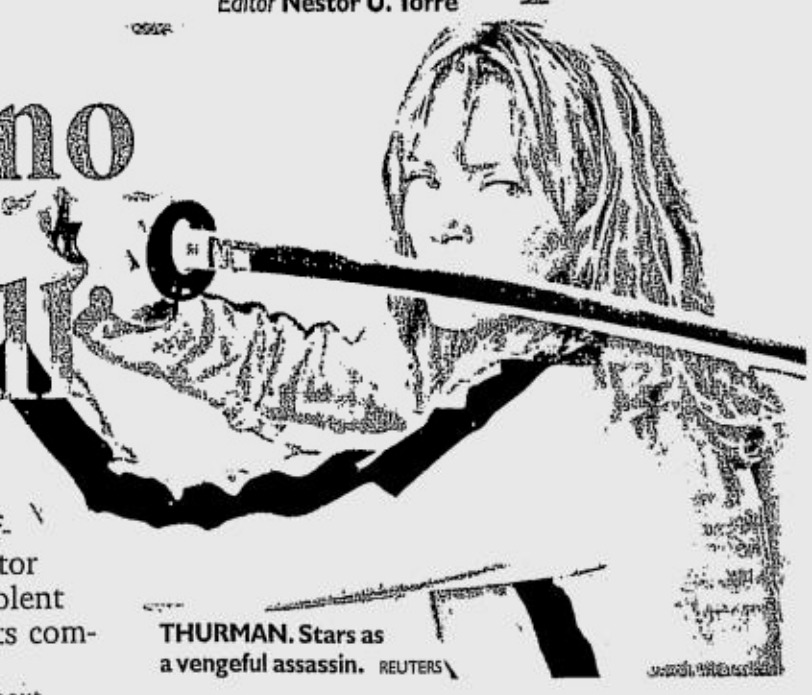
Tarantino thrills with 'Kill Bill'



THURMAN. Stars as a vengeful assassin. REUTERS

LOS ANGELES—Heads rolled and limbs flew at the North American box office over the weekend as director Quentin Tarantino's latest violent movie, "Kill Bill—Vol. 1," left its competition for dead.

The homage to kung-fu flicks sold about $22.2 million worth of tickets in its first three days since opening on Oct. 10, Miramax Films said.

Last two movies

The bow is easily Tarantino's best. His last two movies, 1997's "Jackie Brown" and 1994's Oscar-winning "Pulp Fiction," each earned about $9.3 million in their first weekends. They ended with $40 million and $108 million, respectively.

"Pulp Fiction" alumna Uma Thurman stars in "Kill Bill" as a vengeful assassin who decapitates, scalps and mutilates her way through the Japanese underworld. Vivica A. Fox, Lucy Liu and Daryl Hannah co-star.

The second installment of the film, in which she will face down the title character, played by David Carradine, is set for US release on Feb. 20. The film was split in two because the footage from nine months of shooting clocked in at three hours.

The total budget was a relatively modest $55 million.

Second installment

According to exit polling, 90 percent of viewers want to see the second installment, said Rick Sands, chief operating officer at Miramax, a unit of Walt Disney Co. Not surprisingly, the film's audience consisted

TARANTINO/ C5

CHEDI. Caught everyone's attention when she shaved her head.

Chedi is back in the limelight

By Andy P. Bais

SMOKEY Mountain, the singing group named after Tondo's garbage dump, was definitely one of local music scene's interesting finds in the late '80s and early '90s. Who could forget the youthful romantic ballad, "Kailan," the socially relevant "Anak ng Pasig" and "Paraiso," and the catchy "Da Coconut Nut"?

Brainchild

A brainchild of Ryan Cayabyab, the young group was composed of gifted young performers, all products of rigid auditions in both singing and dancing. Too bad only a few of its former members successfully nurtured careers as solo performers. Geneva Cruz and Anna Fegi come to mind.

And then there's Chedi Vergara. Chedi, who dropped her family name when she decided to go solo, caught everyone's attention when she shaved her head long before the "bald look" was in vogue. She was barely in her teens when she passed the Smokey Mountain auditions.

"Around 400 kids tried out. Then, they narrowed it down to 20. Every three days during the training, *nagtanggal ng nagtanggal.* Our dancing lesson was under Douglas Nierras, *at nahagisan pa niya ako ng sapatos,* but I didn't mind *kasi natuto talaga akong sumayaw,"* she recalls.

Training

The training she went through made her a better person. "You have to be strong to last in this business," she adds.

The 25-year-old charmer's departure from the group left her brokenhearted. It took her months to get over the split. Then, she decided to go solo.

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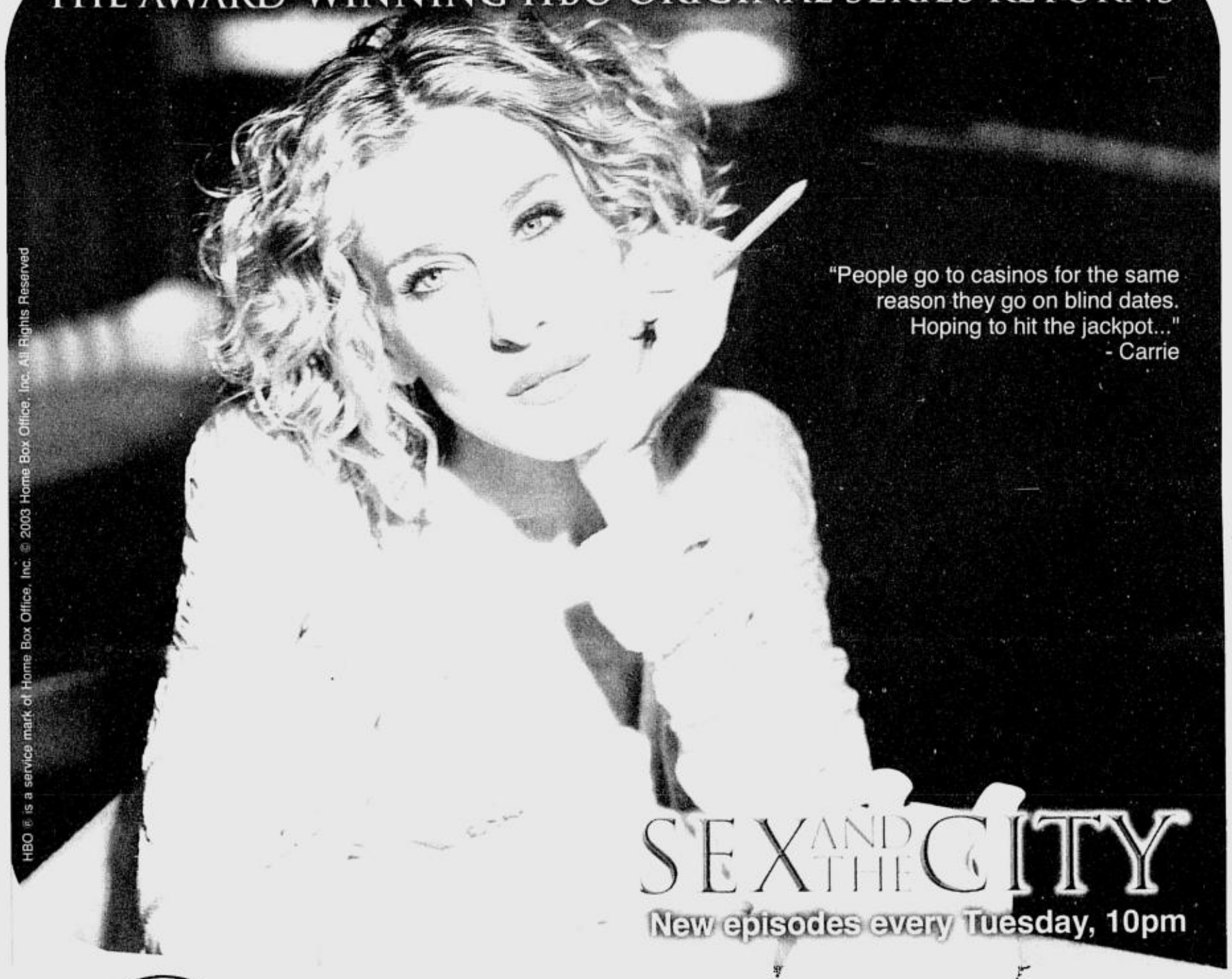

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Lessons learned from 'Magno Rubio's' success

By Nestor U. Torre

GEORGE Ortoll, the executive director of the New York-based Ma-Yi Theater Company that has distinguished itself for presenting Asian-American plays in the US, generously credits us for "putting Ma-Yi on the map in Manila."

Good work

Well, we don't know about that. All we can say is, we've written about Ma-Yi through the years simply because good work in the theater needs to be noticed and celebrated—particularly at this time, when so much of the theater world, both "there" and "here," is mired in mediocrity and compromise.

These thoughts come to mind because, a few months ago, Ma-Yi had its greatest success ever here when it brought to the CCP (for an extended run) its new production, "The Romance of Magno Rubio," and it became the big hit of the CCP's month-long Sangandaan Festival, of which it was a part.

We caught the play's opening performance and were gratified to see the audience fully appreciating the production's originality and creativity. Word quickly spread that this was the production to catch for theater buffs who wanted to see how Asian material could be made entertaining and relevant on the world stage.

Appreciated

Now that the Ma-Yi people have pulled up their tents and gone back to New York City, it's time for us to evaluate the gains that were achieved by having the play performed and appreciated here:

First, it opened some people's eyes to our generally untapped treasure trove of theater material in other forms of literature. "Magno Rubio" started out as a short story by the famous Filipino expatriate writer-factory worker-field hand-union organizer, Carlos Bulosan.

In only a few pages, he wrote about this little, brown raisin of a Filipino farm hand in California who had fallen in love with the photograph of a young blonde, and courted her through letters written by people he paid to do the job (since he was illiterate).

Milk and bilked

Predictably enough, his blonde muse milked and bilked him for all he was worth, and left him with a broken heart. So brief, so sad, that was it.

Or, was it? Ma-Yi's stalwarts sensed that there was the germ for a gem of a play in that short, sad narrative. So, Lonnie Carter was tapped to write it-in verse, yet-and the initial script was workshopped, added to, and improved on, until it was deemed ready for rehearsals, during which it was improved on some more.

All-male cast

When it was finally performed, it benefited greatly from the inspired and felt portrayals of its all-male cast of Fil-American actors, who count among their ranks some truly prodigious talents. And the play went on to reap acclaim and honors, capped by a number of Obie (Off-Broadway) awards.

That's another lesson learned: When you have a great idea for a play, be prepared to work your butt off to get it to fulfill its promise. And learn how to work together, with nobody and

LESSONS/ C3

Chedi is back . . . From page C1

She immersed herself in musical theater ("Alikabok"). And then, she joined bands—she even put up her own group, Escape with Chedi. She cut two albums under Warner Records.

Two years ago, she found love (and marriage), and decided to work full-time as wife (to a musician) and mother (to a two-year-old son). "*Matagal akong hindi kumanta kasi kinailangan ko ring magpapayat*," she laughs.

Unlike other celebrities, Chedi doesn't hide her marital status. "*Ay, naku, maski itago mo malalaman din 'yan.* Besides, I'm proud of my baby," she beams.

Since February this year, Chedi has gone back to her first love—performing. Every Saturday, she takes center stage at Tavern on the Square at Greenbelt, with the Parliament Syndicate backing her up. On Wednesdays, she goes acoustic at Bagaberde in Pasig.

After our interview at Strumms in Jupiter, she obliged to requests for her to sing. She performed a jazzed-up version of Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On?" that sent her captive crowd asking for more.

Poems

Her next solo album will feature original compositions, mostly from her poems that will be set into music. "Excited *ako* to start recording *para malaman ng mga tao* that I'm still around," she says.

Joining musical theater productions is also part of her agenda. "*Bitin na bitin ako sa* theater. I miss the discipline and the long rehearsals. *Nabo-*bore *ako kung madalian*," she relates.

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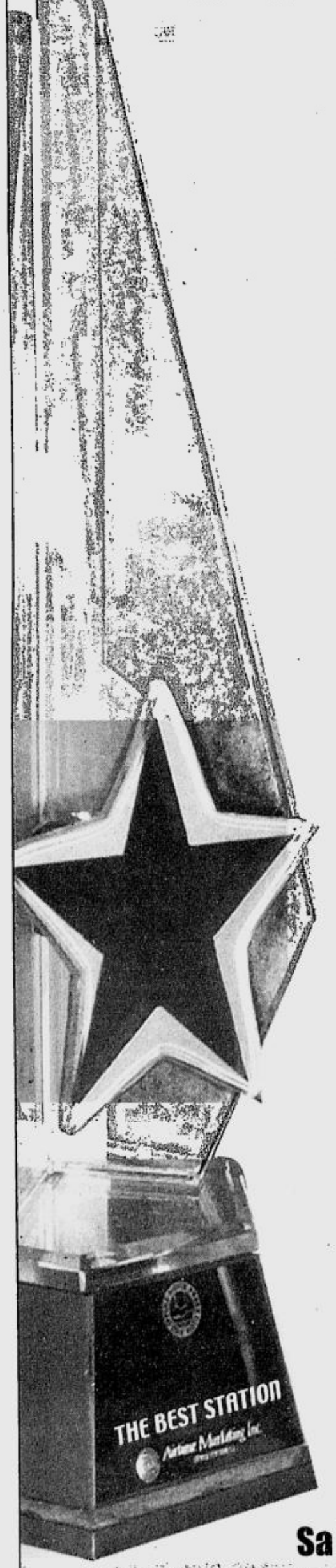

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BEA AND JOHN LLOYD. Give life to new characters in Star Cinema's "My First Romance."

John Lloyd and Bea conquer the movies

By Jocelyn Valle

PEOPLE who pass by a trendy shop at the Sta. Lucia mall giggle when they recognize the lovey-dovey couple inside the busy store. "*Si* Yuri! *Si* Katrina!," they exclaim, pointing to John Lloyd Cruz and Bea Alonzo.

Familiar roles

This time, the love team of the moment is not playing their familiar roles in the top-rated *teleserye*, "Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay."

Instead, they are giving life to new characters in their first movie together, "My First Romance," a twin-bill presentation by Star Cinema that also features the on-screen partnership of John Prats and Heart Evangelista.

In their episode titled "Two Hearts," John Lloyd is the formerly happy-go-lucky Enzo who falls in love with the fiancé (Bea as Bianca) of his heart-transplant donor, Jojo (Dominic Ochoa).

Director Don Cuaresma feels that the partnership of John Lloyd and Bea is now ready to conquer the silver screen. "They're not the usual *pa*-cute *na* love team," says Cuaresma, who's one of the three directors of "Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay."

The movie also marks the director's feature film debut, quite a feat for someone who started in ABS-CBN 12 years ago as a writer for shows like "Teysi ng Tahanan" and "Familia Zaragosa."

While shooting "My First Romance," he had to remind his lead stars not to do "soap opera" acting. "I wanted natural and subdued performances from them," he explains.

The only problem he had with his young stars was the duo's hectic schedule. The production had to cancel a couple of shooting days when John Lloyd got sick with pharyngitis. "*Muntik nang maging* pneumonia," John Lloyd says, shaking his head. "*Pero ayokong ma*-confine *sa* hospital. Feeling *ko kasi, hindi ako gagaling*."

Soap opera

So, for three days, John Lloyd did what he's been aching to do since he started work on the soap opera middle of last year—stay in bed as long as he wanted to! He adds, "I have to take care of myself. As much as possible, I want Sunday to be my rest day, although sometimes I don't have a choice."

Bea misses her bed, too, but she's aware that not every show biz aspirant is given the kind of opportunities that are coming her way so she's simply seizing the moment.

She turned 16 recently but Bea essays roles that are much older than she is. "I observe older women," she shares. "Most of the time, though, I just study my role and use my own experiences."

Lessons learned . . .

From page C2

nothing other than the production itself as the "star."

Director Loy Arcenas is a name in theater in the States, but he subsumed his persona to Magno Rubio's while guiding the production from page to stage. That's a lesson difficult for self-absorbed theater people here to learn, and yet it is central to the play's outstanding success.

Instructively, by not thinking of himself, Arcenas has come up with a truly exceptional production that has emerged as one of his best, so he has reaped the acclaim that is sweetest of all because he did not seek it. Thus, does the theater extravagantly reward its true artists.

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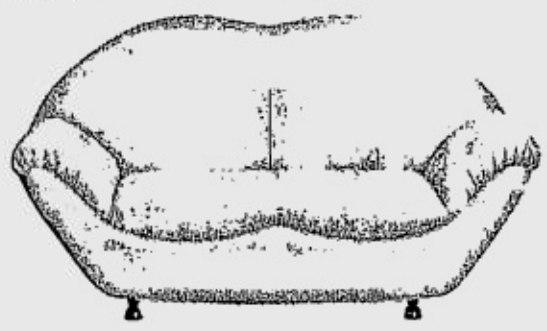

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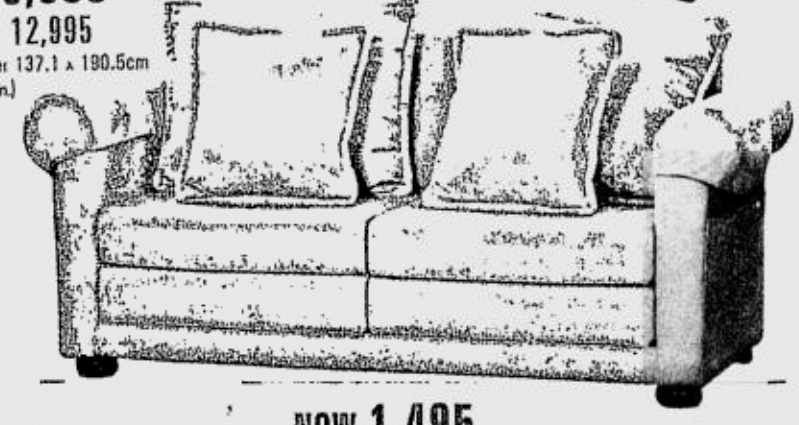

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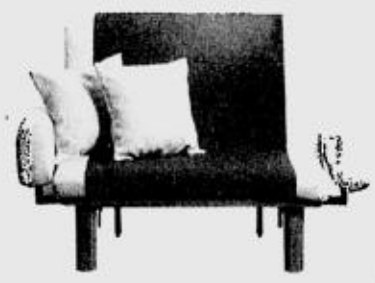

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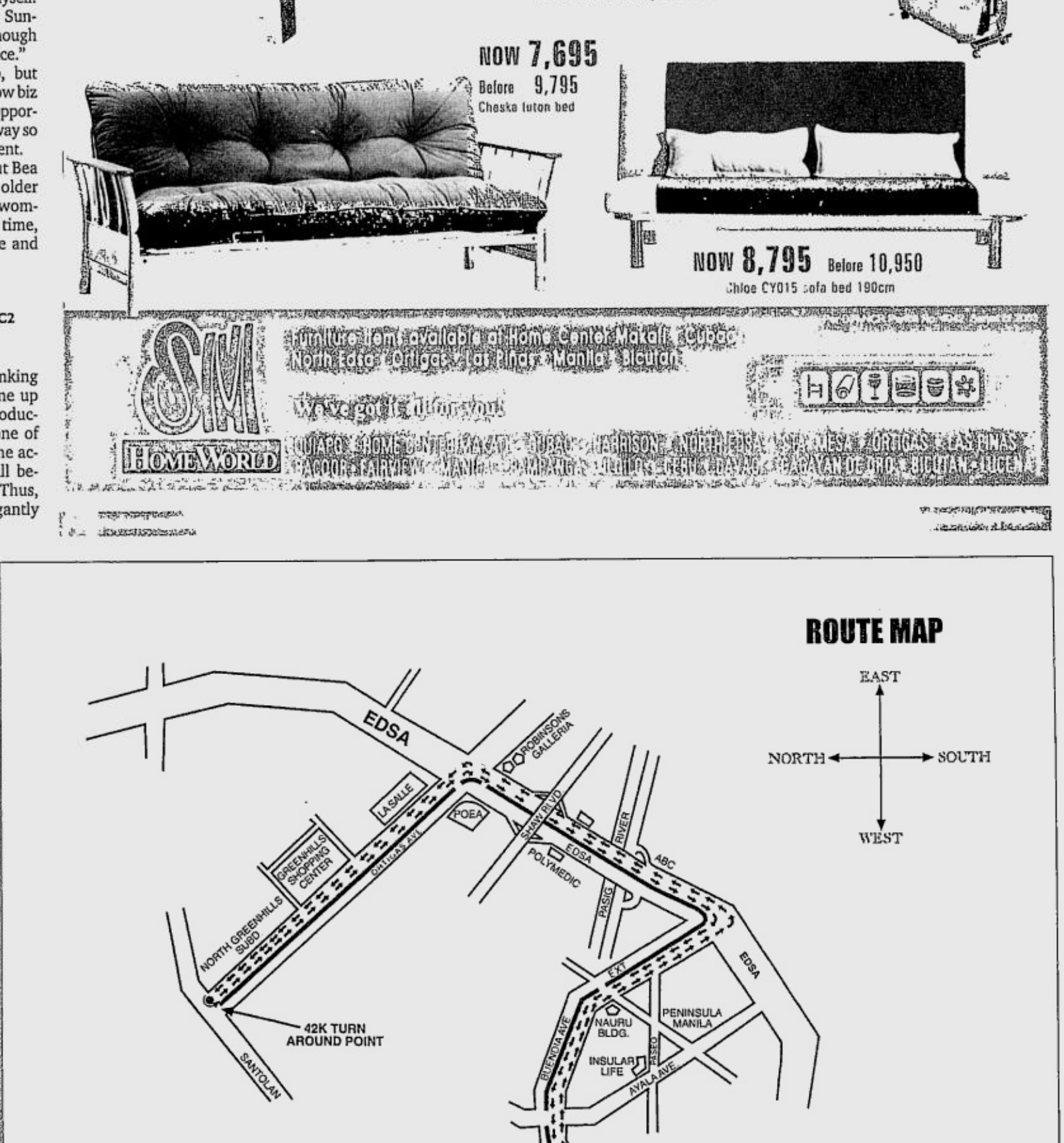

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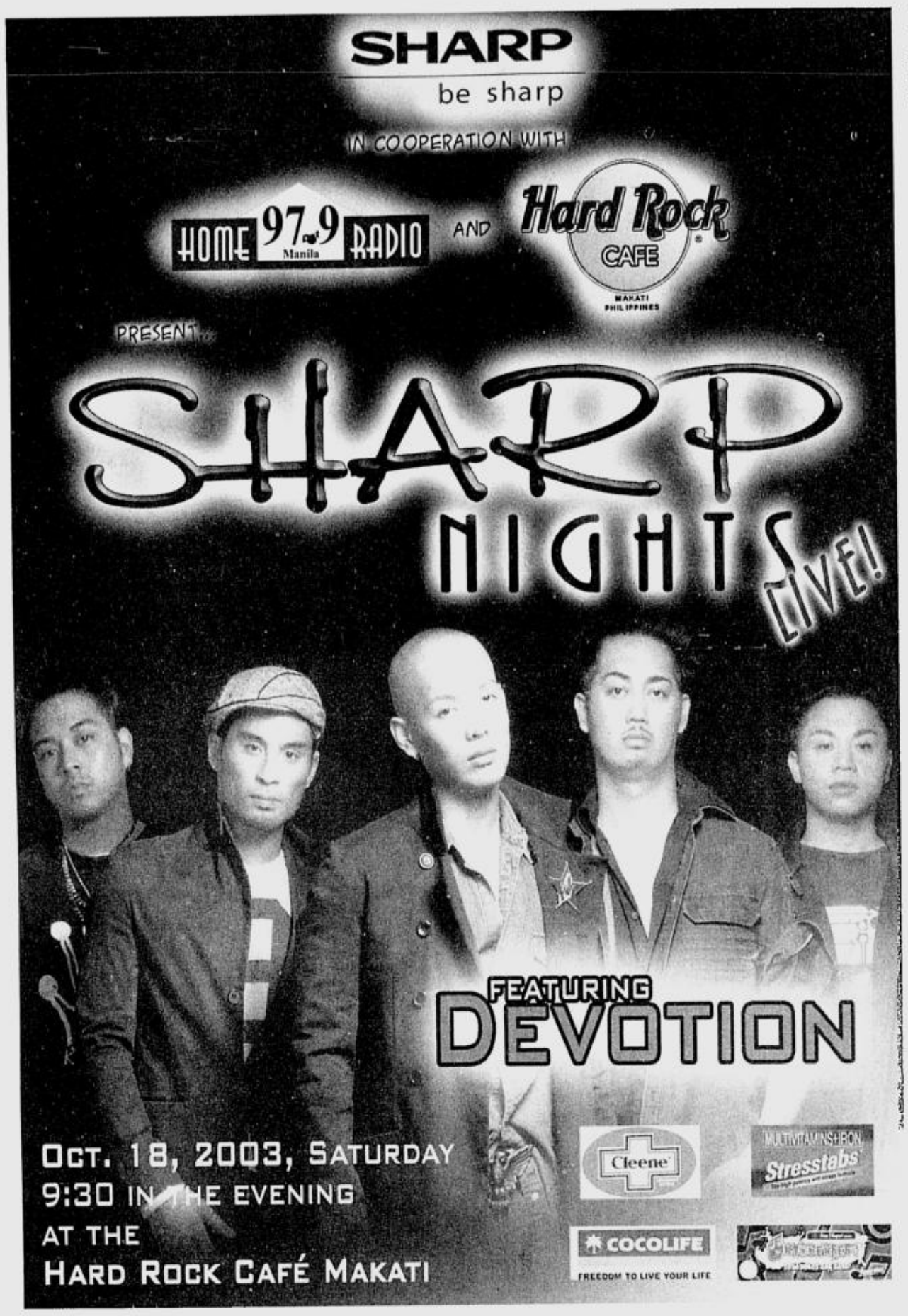


By Noelani Torre

IF YOU'RE feeling a little heart sore and are longing to be soothed, Jim Brickman's eighth and latest release, "Love Songs and Lullabies" (BMC Music) is the perfect CD to listen to.

Buoyant short pieces

With 15 gentle and buoyant short pieces to choose from, this latest from the gifted pianist is a noteworthy addition to the Brickman collection.

The tracks have a dreamy night flavor with themes about childhood. Its calm, relaxing melodies will either lull you to sleep or drive you into a more introspective, positive mood.

Originally composed of only 12 songs, Brickman included three bonus tracks for the Asian market, featuring Asian artists Park Whayobi and our very own Sharon Cuneta. The last track, "Tsunami," is his rendering of Keisuke Kuwata's composition.

All in all, there are nine instrumental and six vocal tracks, with Amy Sky, All-4-One, Jane Krakowski and Brickman himself lending their vocal talents. There are hardly any sour notes.

Brickman imbues his concise pieces with a sensitive rendering that adds complexity to the deceptively simple harmonies. His compositions, though generally subdued, are neither bland nor boring, and are not only conducive to meditative thinking, but to the establishment of a nostalgic mood as well.

Trademark

Most of the pieces are trademark Brickman—finely played piano solos with hardly any accompaniment and melodies that slowly draw the listener in to their more intricate cores.

As for the vocal pieces, most will surely appreciate Brickman's and Canadian Amy Sky's interpretation of 1 Corinthians 13, "Love Never Fails," interspersed with a little Bach. Warm and evocative, the song tends towards sentimentality, but is rescued from saccharinity by its simple and honest rendering.

"Beautiful (As You)," which features All-4-One, doesn't fare as well, because the lyrics aren't half as good—it's hard to compete with

"LOVE SONGS AND LULLABIES." Dreamy night flavor with themes about childhood.

the Bible, after all.

"You," featuring Jane Krakowski, is a surprise, as we know her better as "Ally McBeal" regular Elaine. It turns out that the TV personality is an accomplished singer in her own right, and her interpretation of the song is as sweet and charming as her role on the TV show. The song has received its worthy share of playtime on the radio and has become a familiar tune.

Brickman himself sings the simple, traditional lyrics to "I See the Moon," a whimsical children's rhyme that lends itself well to the nostalgic melody.

Hit

Sharon blends in well in this album, more so than Korean Park Whayobi who sings "Valentine," the song originally made a hit by singer Martina McBride. Whayobi is a tad too Mariah Carey-esque in some instances.

Another childhood rhyme that Brickman interprets musically (minus the voice this time) is "Little Stars," which re-works the melodies of both "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Rock-a-bye Baby," adding depth and making them more than what they may originally seem.

Following closely after the release of his seventh record, "Simple Things," "Love Songs and Lullabies" may seem thin and too short at first, but its brevity actually keeps the album together.

Docu on Pinoy TV launched

By Rica Arevalo

THE CULTURAL Center of the Philippines, in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, now has a monograph and a video documentary on the evolution of Philippine radio and television. For a country that does not have a national film archive, this project is a welcome development.

DEL MUNDO. Writer and director.

Associate director

Doy del Mundo, who was the associate director of Mike de Leon's "Bayaning 3rd World," takes the helm as writer and director of the documentary, "Looking for Pinoy TV: The First 50 Years."

At the launching of Channel Kultura at the CCP last Oct. 15, Del Mundo stressed: *"Noong umpisahan namin ang proyektong ito, sinabi kong gusto kong mapanood ang mga* video *at iba't-ibang programa, gaya ng* "Balintataw," "Lino Brocka Presents," "MsEllaneous," "John en Marsha," "Champoy," "Ang Makulay na Daigdig ni Nora" *at marami pang iba. Sa kasamaang-palad, wala nang naiwang bakas ng mga sinaunang programa. Ayon sa aming* researcher, *wala nang kopya ng mga programa ng dekada '60. Sa madaling salita, malaking bahagi ng kasaysayan ng telebisyon ay matatagpuan na lamang sa alaala."*

The 51-minute documentary takes us to the actual television broadcast that happened in the Philippines in 1953 up to the ongoing battle of the networks. It includes video clips of "Aawitan Kita," "Mr. Shooli," "Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata," "T.O.D.A.S," "Superstar," "Vilma," the noontime shows, plus the recent revelation of Kris Aquino on national TV that shocked everyone.

ABS-CBN's Charo Santos-Concio explains, "In mainstream television, we have to get to the widest possible audience and make the strongest impact on them at certain timeslots because that is what the advertisers look at."

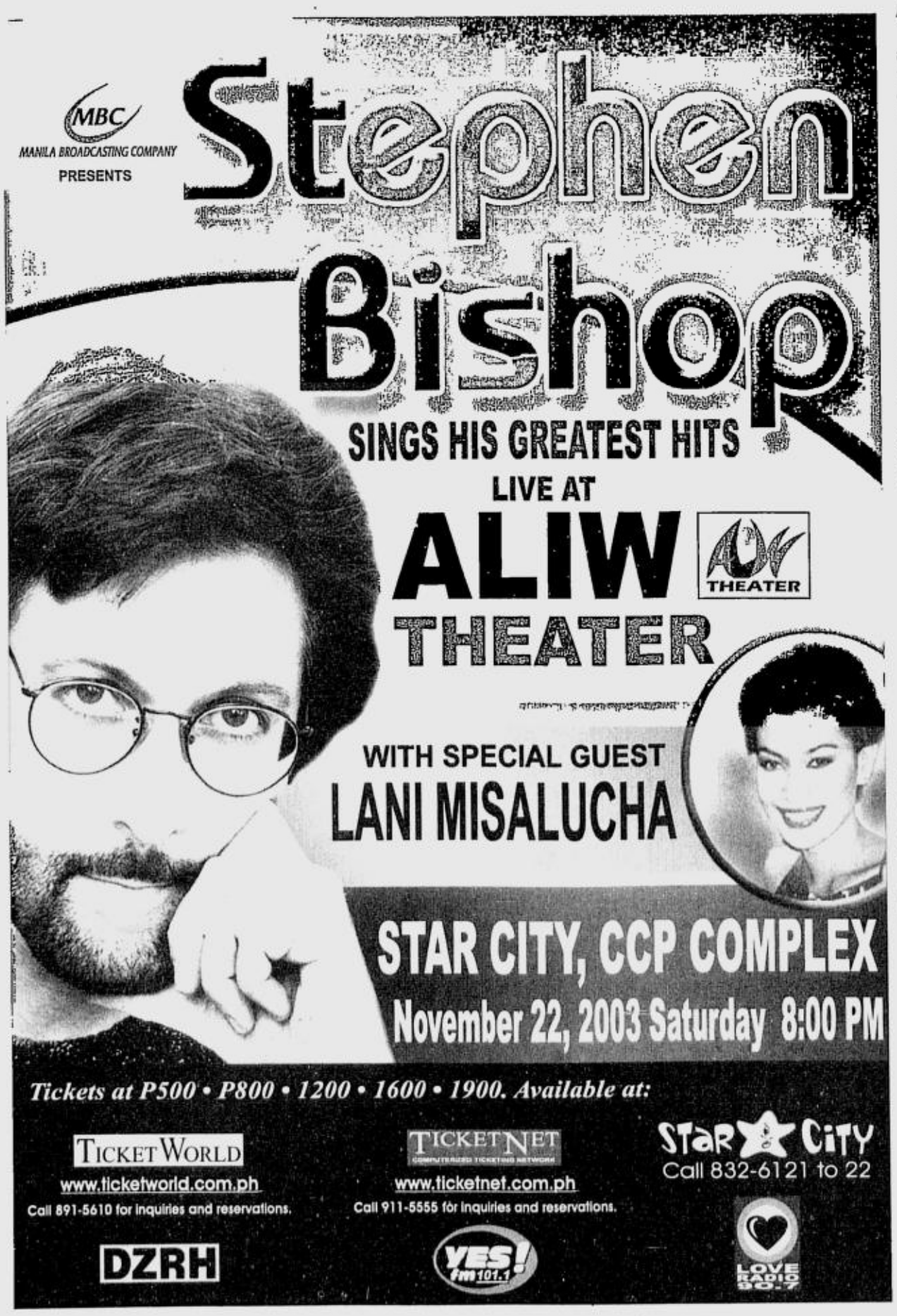
GMA-7's Wilma Galvante counteracts, "We do not worry. We work towards beating competition." Needless to say, there is no ceasefire between these leading television companies. They live and die in the ratings game.

Treasure

"May tinatagong treasure *ang telebisyong Pinoy. Pero, marami ring dapat ikahiya at kailangang huwag ibaon sa limot, dahil kung hindi mauulit lamang,"* adds Del Mundo.

Narrator Boots Anson Roa asked the simplest yet most important question: "Where do we want Pinoy TV to lead us?"

There is an ongoing exhibit on the evolution of radio and TV entitled, "Bayan sa Himpapawid," at the CCP that is open to the public. Old TV sets and photos of broadcasting pioneers are on display. VCDs and the monograph series are also available. For details, contact 832-1125 loc. 1804 or email marketing@culturalcenter.gov.ph.



Italian place with a difference

WORD OF MOUTH

Sandy Daza

I HEARD about this place from foodies Bonbon and Loy Jimenez. They give me tips on new places to check out because I am always on the lookout for dining places with interesting dishes I can share with our readers and friends.

Description

Their description of the food inspired me to go. The first outlet opened in Alabang a few years ago. Then, recently, a branch opened in Makati.

As I walked in, the first person I saw was a friend in the culinary scene, food and wine expert Yves Remondula. I immediately understood why this restaurant had made a name for itself.

Amoroma is an Italian restaurant, but it offered more than the items you see in an Italian menu. With Yves assisting us, I chose to order the ones I had never come across.

Among the appetizers, I ordered the Sott Olio con Bombolino, a specialty of the Milano region. This is a hollow bread stuffed cream on top of tuna and pickled veggies, such as olives, mushrooms, eggplant, etc. Then came the Porcini e Salsiccia. This consists of two pastas with porcini mushrooms and Italian sausage. If you like tomatoes on your pasta sauce, this one's for you.

For our main course, I ordered Bollito Misto. This is boiled beef shank and ox tail with chicken in broth and topped with lemon, chopped fresh garlic and parsley, and topped with extra virgin olive oil. The dish is plain-looking but the taste is unique.

The meat is very tender and gelatinous. It has a mild taste that grows on you. I had this with a perfectly cooked risotto. It was excellent!

Popular pizza

I was stuffed, but I managed to squeeze in the most popular five-cheese pizza. This is made of melted mozzarella, parmesan, pecorino, fontina and gorgonzola on top of a perfectly oven-baked thin crust pizza. You can sprinkle chili olive oil on it. Exceptional!

Amoroma is at the ground floor of Valuepoint Condominium at 227 Salcedo corner Gamboa sts., Legaspi Village, Makati. Tel. no. 818-0209. Another branch is in Alabang at Ubit 2, Sycamore Arcade, Alabang-Zapote road, Muntinlupa. Tel. 807-2959.

Happy eating!

Tarantino thrills . . .

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overwhelmingly of young males.

Two-thirds of viewers were aged 21 to 39, and 60 percent were male. On the other hand, Sands noted that the film also pulled in plenty of viewers who did not classify themselves as fans of Tarantino's.

Last weekend's champion, the family comedy, "The School of Rock," slipped to No. 2 with $15.4 million, taking its 10-day haul to $39.6 million. The film, which stars Jack Black as a substitute teacher who takes his charges on the highway to hell, AC/DC-style, was released by Paramount Pictures.

The romantic comedy, "Intolerable Cruelty," starring George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones as dueling divorce experts, opened at No. 3 with $13.1 million, a little lower than industry expectations, which had centered on the mid-teens. The film, from filmmaking siblings Joel and Ethan Coen, played strongest to older females. It was released by Universal Pictures.

Expectations

The talking-dog movie, "Good Boy!," followed closely with a $13 million opening, far exceeding expectations. The film, which cost about $18 million to make, was released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, which was also responsible for the No. 5 film, "Out of Time." The Denzel Washington thriller earned $8.6 million in its second weekend, driving its 10-day total to $28.7 million.

The top 10 contained one other new release, the low-budget horror, "House of the Dead," which opened at No. 6 with $5.5 million.

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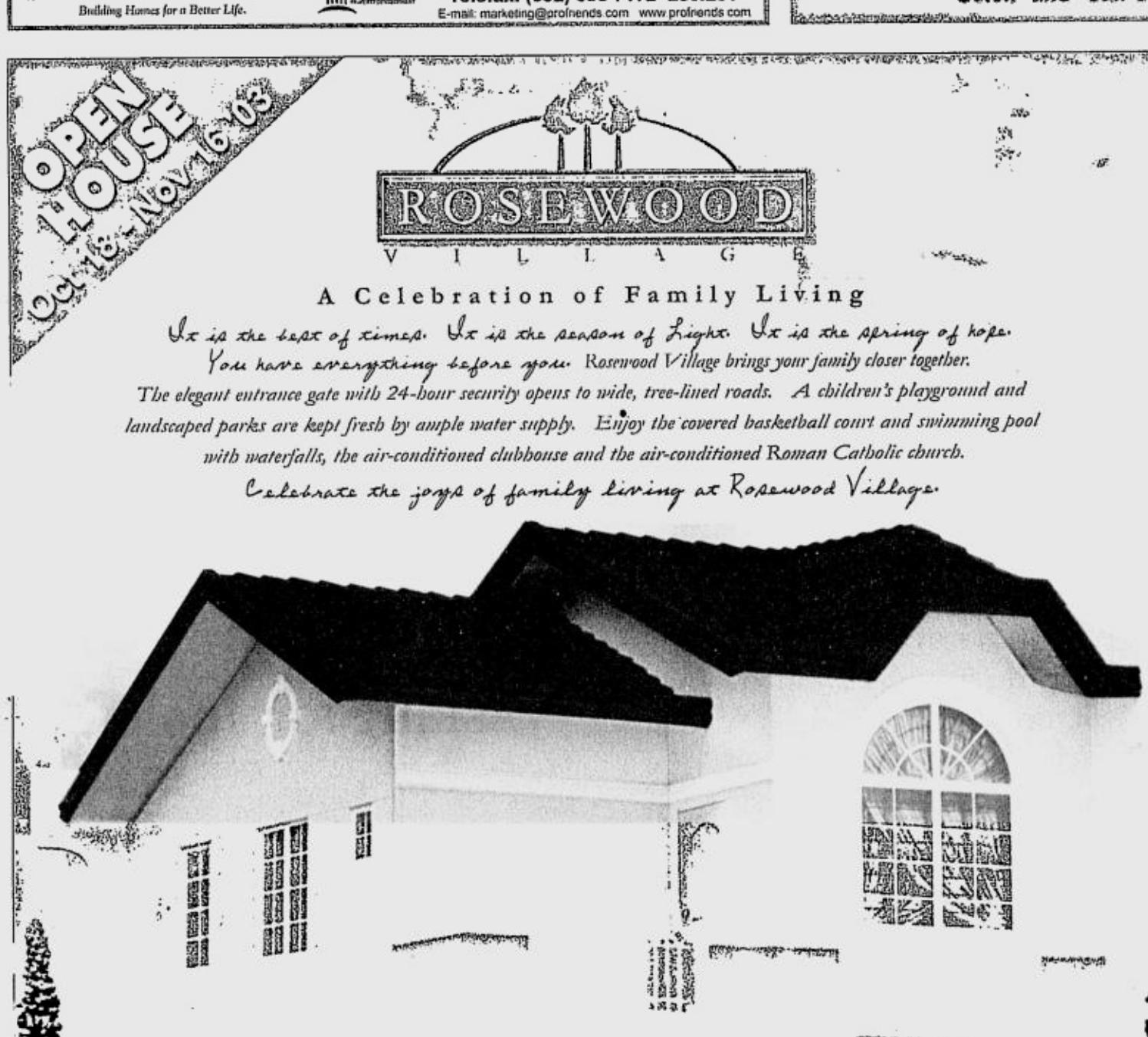

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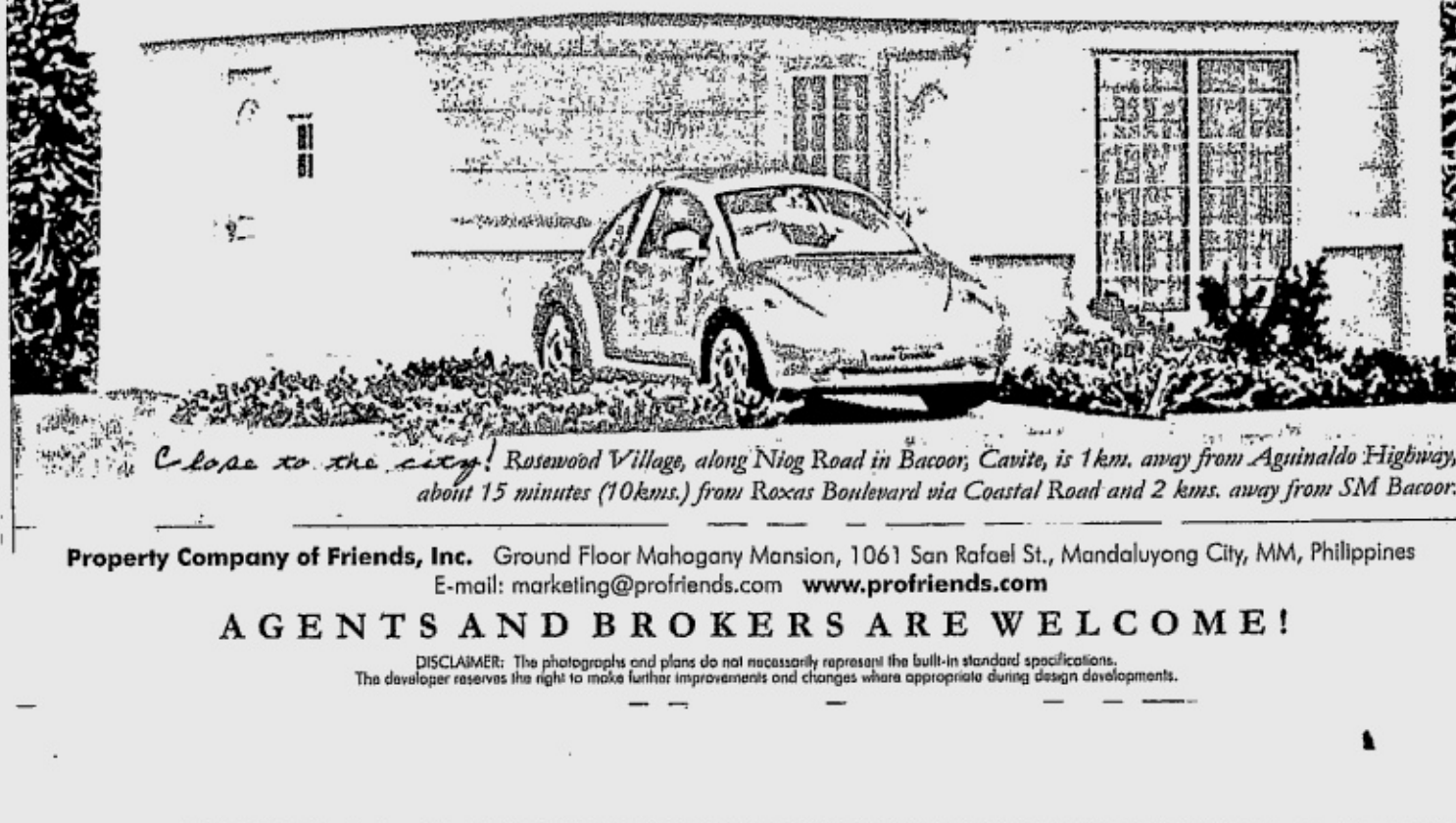

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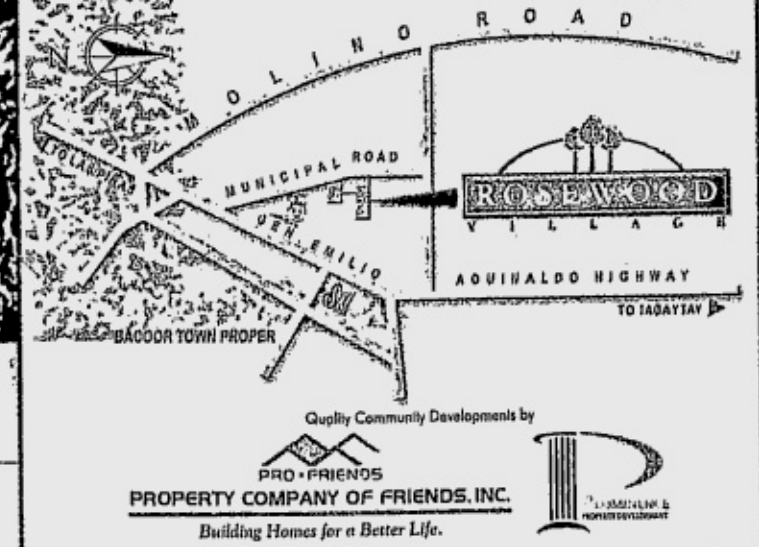

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Good news, bad news

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

FIRST, the good news: some pessimists thought that the local film scene was in such a terrible slump that the movie output for 2003 would come up to only 50 for the entire year. But industry observers' figures show that the total will be closer to 80 films, or even higher.

The bad news is that something like 50 of those movies are sex flicks. The reason, of course, is that they're cheaper, quicker and easier to make. That does make sense, but it casts a dark, fetid pall over the Filipino movie industry.

Must we be reduced to this? Shouldn't industry leaders figure out ways for many of our producers to snap out of this seedy, shoddy mind-set?

To make up for this downbeat development, let's take heart in the good showing of some Filipino movies abroad. In Fukuoka last September, for example, Maryo delos Reyes' "Magnifico" touched many viewers' hearts, and Laurice Guillen's "American Adobo" was praised for its sophistication and great sense of style.

On the downbeat side, however, Filipino movies that do well in international filmfests generally don't generate much TV-film business after the festivals have ended. The praise is fine, but actual sales to different TV-film territories would be most welcome, too.

That's why, for sometime now, we've been pushing for greater participation and visibility of the best Filipino movies, not just in prestigious international film festivals, but also in film markets, where more of the actual buying and selling of films and TV productions take place.

We learned a lot when we covered the Los Angeles Film Market some years ago. We were with a veteran director-producer who had already established many TV-film contacts through the years, and we saw how quickly his film was bought for various movie territories around the world.

If other producers could go this same route, they could earn a substantial additional income that they could then use to make better and more technically polished movies that would be more competitive internationally. Of course, the improvements would benefit local viewers as well.

So, continue participating in festivals, but also go for the film markets—with the help and guidance of veteran players like the producer we saw in action at the Los Angeles Film Market.

Final bit of good news: the Film Academy of the Philippines, under the leadership of its new Director General, Leo Martinez, is revamping the selection and judging process of the annual FAP Awards, to make its decisions more credible and democratic.

On the minus side, the yearend Metro Manila Film Festival is beset by the usual, chronic problems and controversies, but reforms don't seem to be forthcoming. Well, some people are less enlightened than others.

Movies on TV

On HBO: Oct. 18 at 9 a.m., "All the Pretty Horses." Oct. 19 at 3 p.m., "Tender Mercies." 6:30 p.m., "Shrek." 8 p.m., "Pink Cadillac." 10 p.m., "A Beautiful Mind." Oct. 20 at 1 p.m., "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

Oct. 21 at 10:30 p.m., "Evolution." Oct. 22 at 8 a.m., "Sister Mary Explains It All." 5:30 p.m., "Somewhere in Time." Oct. 2 at 12:30 p.m., "Town & Country." Oct. 24 at 12:30 p.m., "Love Affair."

On the Cinemax channel: Oct. 18 at 11:45 a.m., "Memphis Belle." 10:30 p.m., "The Time Machine." Oct. 19 at 9:15 a.m., "The People Across the Lake." Oct. 20 at 8:30 a.m., "The War of the Worlds." 7 p.m., "3000 Miles to Graceland."

Oct. 21 at 4 p.m., "Lawrence of Arabia." Oct. 22 at 2:45 p.m., "Life Without Dick." Oct. 23 at 10:30 p.m., "Gia." Oct. 24 at 5:45 p.m., "The Enemy Within."

CROWE. Stars in "A Beautiful Mind" on HBO.

SANTOS. First major show at the Music Museum.

Paolo Santos in concert

If we were in town, we'd make it a point to catch Paolo Santos' "By Request" show at Music Museum at 8 p.m. today, Oct. 18. Since we're elsewhere, all we can do is to urge you to watch Paolo's first major concert tonight.

We first heard of Paolo when he was performing at the Tapika restaurant, the venue of choice for acoustic performers on Katipunan in the Libis area. Slowly but surely, the self-effacing young singer-guitarist had been making a name for himself, and we weren't surprised when he started guesting on TV and came up with his own CD.

Paolo's ascent to musical stardom is quite a story: He was doing well in the corporate world, but his heart was in making music. But it was only during a vacation in the States that his musical "calling" asserted itself in an unexpected and dramatic fashion.

With some relatives, Paolo went to a bar in the US that featured amateur performers, and mustered the courage to sing for the all-Americans crowd. He was surprised when he got an ovation, and the venue's owner tried to get him as a regular performer.

That's when Paolo knew that he was good enough to chart a solo career as an acoustic performer—and he hasn't stopped since. (Performing with Paolo at Music Museum are South Border, Hourglass and Arnee.)

Business Writing study group

For two Sundays, Oct. 19 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the Corban Daycare and Tutorial Center is holding a Business Writing study group for professionals and college students, to be facilitated by veteran journalist and educator Mona Gonzalez.

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Lynn Sherman spreads her wings

By Behn Cervantes

IT WAS 1991. Mike Prado and Boyd Derequito decided it was time to stage a musical that would employ a full orchestra. When Mike and Boyd voiced their desire to stage a lavish musical, I advised them to first work on a play to learn the ropes of production.

Confused mother

Thus, Miles Enterprises produced "The Diary of Anne Frank," with Adrianna Agcaoili as Anne and Robert Arevalo as Mr. Frank. Barbara Perez portrayed the confused mother of the young Jewish girl forced to go into hiding during the German occupation of Amsterdam.

We staged the musical, "By George!," a musical biography of George Gershwin, based on an inspired libretto by Esther L. Viloria, starring Dulce, Pinky Marquez and Mon David. We assembled a talented chorus of singers and dancers that included one standout *mestiza*.

She was Lynn Sherman. She had just starred in the UP Conservatory production of "South Pacific" as Nurse Nelly, appearing with the late baritone Elmo Makil. I liked her looks, stance and attitude, so I picked her from the chorus and assigned her a solo. She was fetchingly attired in a period gown with a large flower behind one ear. She reclined on a grand piano and wowed us with her interpretation of "How Long Has This Been Going On?" I was sure bigger things were awaiting this statuesque American *mestiza*.

Solo stint

She was a humanities graduate of the University of the Philippines. Before long, she was part of the Ugoy-Ugoy Band, but she also did solo stints for corporate shows. Her musical training started early as a member of the UP Cherubims and Seraphims, under Flora Zarco Rivera. Also with her in the group was the choral director of "By George!," Annie Nepomuceno.

A good friend, Bond Samson, had introduced her to jazz. By this time, the actress-singer admired Sarah Vaughn and Ella Fitzgerald. She loved the quality of their voices, but she was more won over by the songs they rendered in their unique styles.

She continued her stage participation and was a standout in "Little Mermaid," "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" and last year's "Falsettos." She also appeared in one of the many versions of the popular "The Vagina Monologues." I asked, "So, are you now a complete performer?" She answered, "I haven't gone into dancing yet."

SHERMAN. Was introduced to jazz by husband Bond Samson.

Childhood interest

She now pursues her childhood interest in drawing by dabbling in painting. Obviously, she is not afraid of trying new things.

One of the newest tact is being the *mestiza contravida* in an afternoon soap, "Maid For Each Other."

Her musical growth is partly osmosis, as she hangs out with a musical *barkada*, like Cookie Chua and Anna Fegi.

On Nov. 28, she joins former "By George!" co-star Mon David in "Jazz 'N Time," the Upsilon Sigma Phi revival of the trend-setting jazz concerts. Lynn Sherman joins Richard Merk, Jacqui Magno, Johnny Alegre, Aileen Sison and Verni Varga at the UP Theater for the golden anniversary of this unique musical tradition.

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Asking for apology

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R. Valencia and S. Bismark

WE come into this world on a trip. In our own little sphere—whether it is the home, neighborhood, classroom, office or the government bureau—we want control and dominance over our territories.

Mentality

I have a friend whose little son bullies other children. The son pushes his weight around. He hits kids and destroys things. He may only be three years old, but he already manifests this mentality of being the boss and dominator. After hearing complaints from other parents, my friend and I discussed this problematic situation.

I said, "Whenever your child hurts other children, you should make him apologize for his behavior. He needs to understand that there is a responsibility to correct his mistakes." My friend agreed.

It is not always easy to teach a child to ask forgiveness. What makes it difficult to apologize? It is the false ego—the belief that we are superior to others. When we think highly of ourselves, it is hard to admit to our shortcomings.

When a child is asked to apologize, there is always tremendous resistance in the beginning—a refusal to speak, listen to advice and approach the offended party. The false ego will try to rationalize an excuse to get out of the situation. Nobody wants to be humbled. But it must be done.

The child must understand why an act is wrong. He should learn how to correct his mistakes.

Too young

We should never think that children are too young to understand things. If a child can think of ways to be naughty and hurtful, then he is also capable of knowing what's right and wrong. A parent should not make excuses for his child. He should not take a passive stand when the child makes mistakes.

A child should understand his real essence as a spirit soul, and his real position as a servant of the Supreme Being.

Otherwise, the untrained kid becomes the arrogant corporate executive and ruthless businessman; the spoiled brat becomes the abusive citizen.

We should teach our kids while they're young. An act of love and compassion today will definitely bring good fruit tomorrow.

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King, performer on the rise

KING. Does not want to compete with younger sister Nina.

By Andy P. Bais

STAR Record's latest addition to its stable of homegrown talents goes by the name of King. He's not, in any way, of the royal variety. But he may as well be—in the local recording industry, at least—at the rate his single, "Maybe," is surging to the top of the local charts.

Big factor

Barely a month in the market, the album, "Solo," which King shares with Josh Santana and Divo, is well on its way of turning gold. But King's fresh take on the Neocolours hit is one big factor for the album's success.

King, who's Filbert Girado Jr. in real life, has no idea why his parents nicknamed him as such. "Since I was a kid, *ganu'n na talaga ang tawag sa akin.* So, we thought, *yun na rin ang* show biz name *ko para madaling matandaan," he explains.*

The 23-year-old singer grew up in a musical environment. His late dad was a member of the Bayanihan vocal group, while his mom plays a number of musical instruments.

"Sa bahay namin, pagkagising, may tumutugtog na. Music *din ang aming pampatulog.* Exposed *kami* to all kinds of music—*mga* songs *ni* Matt Monro, Tom Jones *at* Frank Sinatra. Dad used to sing their songs," he relates.

Although King knew early on that he could carry a tune, he wasn't really keen on a singing profession. He was into dancing. In fact, he was his high school's favorite choreographer.

Popular

It was younger sister Nina, now a popular performer, who dragged him into singing.

"Nina needed a co-singer for her band then. She got me, *kasi bagay daw ang* singing styles *namin,"* he says.

King enjoyed that particular stint as a singer. For five years, he sang with different bands. He was part of Domain, which used to be a regular fixture on German Moreno's weekly TV show, "Master Showman."

After the group disbanded, King decided to go solo and auditioned for Star Records. The result was a recording contract.

Medley

The album includes the song "Never Let You Go," which features Nina and upcoming rap artist Gloc 9. It also contains his medley of Neocolours hits, "Tuloy Pa Rin/Iyung-iyo," which has been chosen for the soundtrack of Star Cinema's "My First Romance," a twin-bill featuring the love teams of John Prats and Heart Evangelista, and John Lloyd Cruz and Bea Alonzo.

We had to take a break from our interview to give way to requests from fans to have their pictures taken with him.

Does he feel pressured to surpass his sister's success? "It would be great to achieve the kind of success Nina has accomplished. But I won't compete with her. We share each other's triumphs," he declares.

The talented siblings will be sharing the stage on Oct. 22 at the Virgin Café. He can also be seen every Tuesday at Suburbia in Malate.

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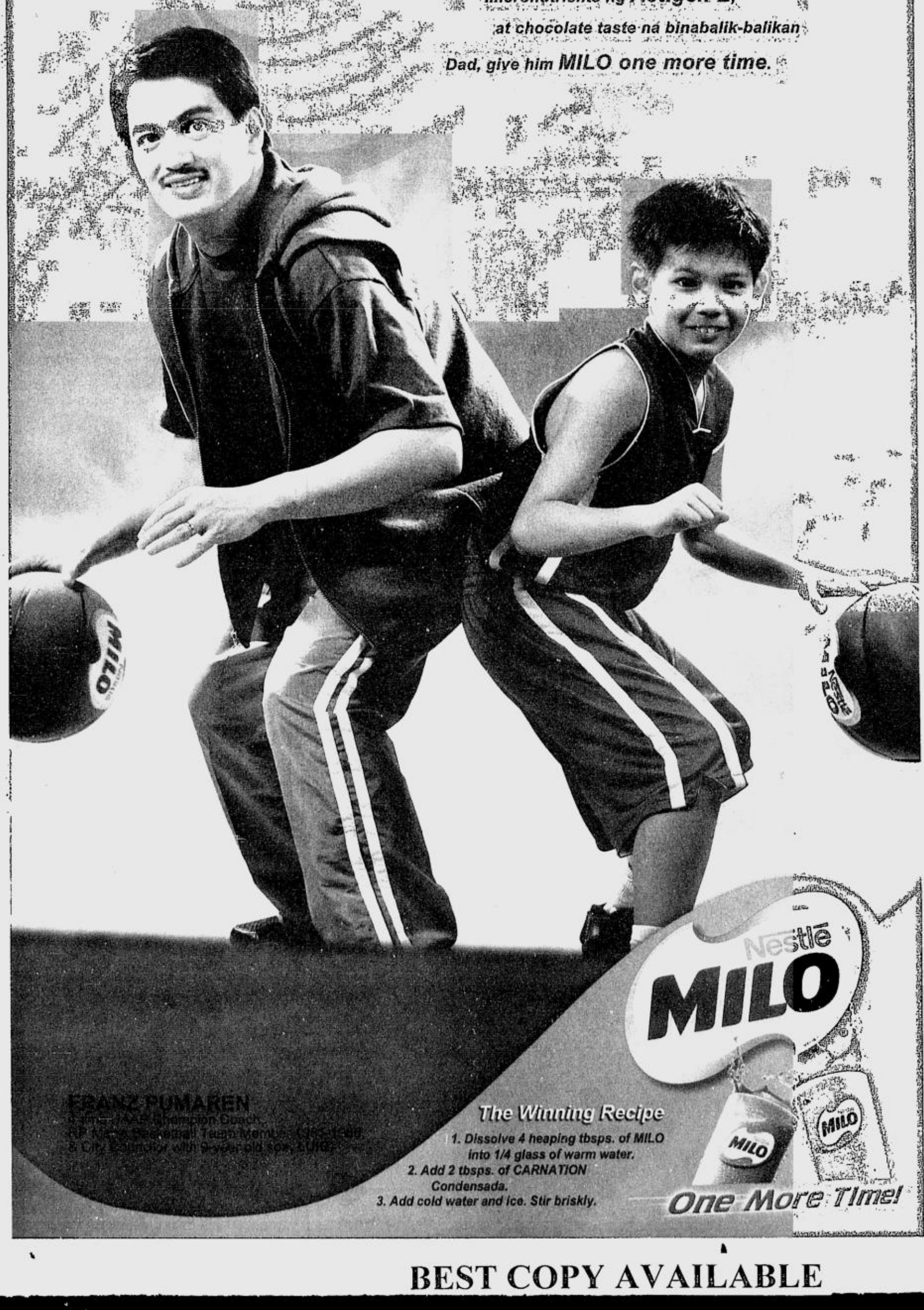

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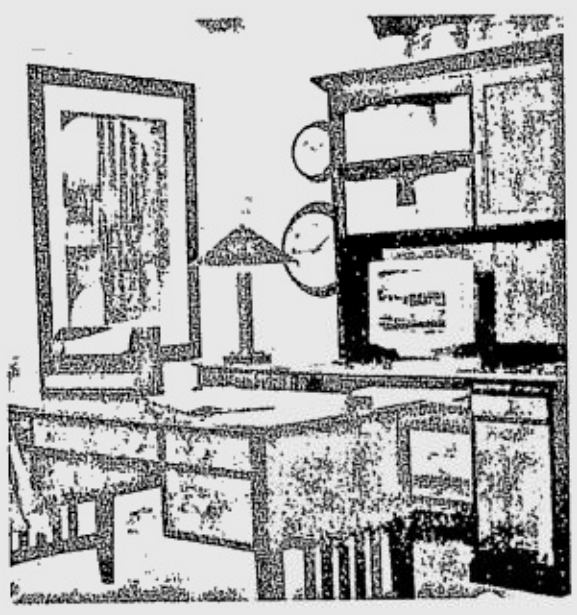

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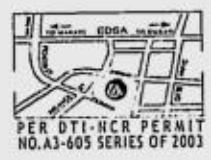

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Tessie Tomas still in top comic form

By Ronald G. Mangubat

TOMAS. Creates funny, multi-dimensional characters.

WE HAD to go back to the "Comfort Room" twice to catch Tessie Tomas' comeback comedy act. The first time we went there, we were told she was sick. When we came back a week later, we were surprised to see the place jam-packed.

Spontaneous response

This was Ms Tomas' first live act since "Teysi at 20."

The queen of stand-up comedy expressed her excitement on her stage comeback.

With her wit, candor and spunk, Tomas answered questions written on sheets of paper passed around tables minutes before she went onstage. Funny questions like: "Are you a Noranian or Vilmanian?" "Did you ever have a liposuction?" and "When did you have your last period?" Tomas gamely and intelligently handled these questions in a way that sent the crowd roaring.

Jon Santos described Tomas as his real mentor and discoverer. "Long before we came into the picture, it was really Tessie who started it all."

Physical imperfections

We couldn't help but agree. Through the years, Tomas has proven that a comic need not capitalize on physical imperfections to make people laugh. Her ace up her sleeves is in the way that she writes and creates her own material, and in the discipline she acquired from her copywriting days in advertising. Her insights have provided the cannon fodder for many of her interesting character portrayals. Boni Buendia, for example, a collective parody of flash-in-the-pan bold stars, was a product of intensive research. "*Nagbabad si* Tessie *sa mga kalye at mga* bars in order to study the life of people like Boni," Santos reveals.

Another skill which Tomas uses to her own advantage is her being a professional radio voice talent, a skill she has harnessed since childhood. Years of portraying various characters provided her the proper vocal flourishes needed to create funny multidimensional characters and impersonations. She could easily shift accents, and internalize women from all ages.

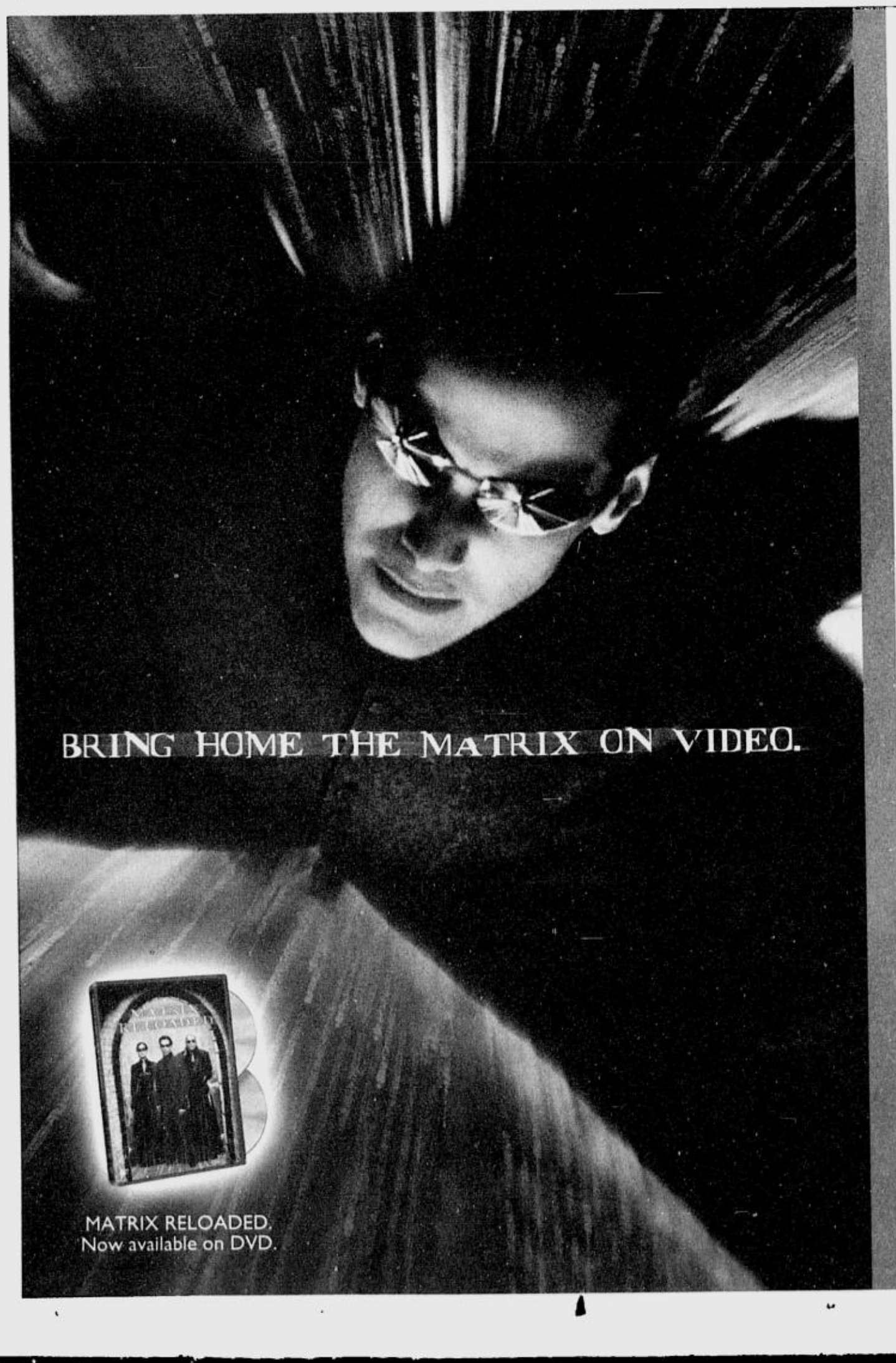
She also "transformed" into the President of the country and had a funny exchange with Santos. We felt that this portion wasn't that effective because the Gloria Arroyo impersonation has already been done by almost all comediennes *ad nauseum*—there was nothing new to it!

Archrivals

Tomas and Santos jammed with the audience who shouted names of archrivals, which the two would then impersonate in a confrontation scene.

First on the list were Nora and Vilma, who engaged in a verbal tussle to demonstrate who is the better actress. Next came *Mareng* Winnie Monsod and Miriam Santiago, Mel Tiangco and Korina Sanchez, and Imee Marcos and Kris Aquino.

This is where Tomas and Santos' brilliance kicked in—the speed in which they spontaneously "invented" their lines, their "calibration" of the crowd's pulse, and their synchronized comic timing in delivering punch lines.



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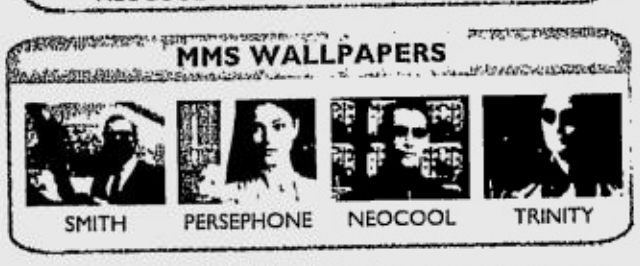

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HEART AND JOHN. Share the same birthday.

John Prats and Heart Evangelista, best buddies

By Mary Ann A. Bautista

JOHN Prats and Heart Evangelista are extremely close. They share the same birthday (Feb. 14) and can tell each other everything.

Secrets

"We don't hide secrets. We're best friends. I tell her if she's too *maarte* and she tells me if I'm gaining weight," John shares.

He appreciates Heart's sweetness and thoughtfulness. "In simple ways, she always remembers me. When we have tapings or out-of-town shows, she'd always ask me what I'd like to eat. *Maasikaso siya*," he stresses.

"John is a gentleman. *Pag bababa ako ng hagdan, lagi niya akong inaalalayan kasi alam niya na* clumsy *ako at laging nadadapa. Minsan, nag*taping *kami sa* 'Berks,' *at wala akong dalang pera, nilibre niya ako ng* breakfast, lunch and dinner. *Kung naglalambing ako ng* teddy bear, *binibilhan niya ako*," Heart recalls.

Sweetest gift

But Heart considers the paper roses John gave her as his sweetest gift. "He made those roses from tissue paper," she gushes.

John treasures the Bruce Lee shirts and baseball caps Heart gave him. But their first impressions of each other were not that great.

"*Ayoko kay* John *noon. Mestizong chinito na isnabero*. Feeling *ko, ang yabang naman nito, hindi niya ako pinapansin*!," Heart shares.

"*Masyado siyang maarte. Noon, hindi siya makapag*-pictorial *ng walang salamin*," John adds.

Working together on the defunct "G-Mik" and on the movie, "Trip," erased those negative first impressions. Their friendship flourished. When they shot "My First Romance," they were already comfortable with each other as a loveteam, and their rapport grew.

Worst qualities

"*Gusto ko 'yung pagka*-childish *at kakulitan niya*. I understand his moods *kasi* moody *din ako*," Heart volunteers.

"She doesn't have any pretensions. What you see is what you get. She's not afraid to show *na maarte siya*," John says.

"We even order the same food at the same time," Heart adds.

"We believe in destiny. *Kung kami talaga, kami talaga*!," John confides.

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Program

The program included "The Modau" by Smetana, "Scheherazade," Op. 35 by Rimsky-Korsakov, the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 2 Op. 22 by Saint-Saens, "Inday" and "Larawan" by Buencamino, "Minute Waltz" by Chopin and "Le Banjo" by Gottschalk.

Ms Licad, the country's most celebrated pianist, is based in Manhattan. She started playing the piano at age four. She is the first Asian to win the Leventritt Gold Medal in 1981, and has been praised by both critics and audiences alike. Her extensive repertoire as an orchestral soloist ranges from interpretations of the classical music of Mozart and Beethoven, the romantic literature of Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Schumann and Rachmaninoff, to the modern works of Debussy, Ravel, Shostakovich, Prokofiev and Bartok.

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To date, she has eight CD recordings: a Rachmaninoff No. 2 with the Chicago Symphony, which hit the top of the Billboard classical chart; the Grand Prix Du Disque Frederic Chopin for Chopin No. 2 with the London Philharmonic; Shumann's Carnival, which earned her Time Magazine's "Record of the Month"; an all-Ravel program that was given the "CD of the Month" award in London; and a Gottschalk recording.

As a chamber musician, Ms Licad has made TV appearances with Mstislav Rostropovich. She has performed with ensembles; such as the New York Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and Music from Marlboro. She has also appeared as guest soloist on tour with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra in the German cities of Leipzig, Hamburg, Dusseldorf and Cologne.

Licad was billeted in Oakwood, conveniently located in Makati.

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Treasure trove of music trivia

By Jeanne Lim

ON OUR recent visit to Texas, we chanced upon a book, "Number One Adult Contemporary Hits," by Wesley Hyatt, that caught our attention—at a flea market at that! Leafing through its pages, we found interesting snippets of information about some of the most popular songs from 1961 to the present.

Absorbing read

Divided in sections, Hyatt's book contains that define different generations. It offers an insider's information on the songwriters, artists and producers of some 677 popular songs that made it to the top of the charts.

The book contained the unique stories behind these musical gems: In 1963, Barbra Streisand was supposed to sing four tunes from the Broadway stage version of "Funny Girl" to promote the show. She didn't care much about the song, "People" then. In fact, it was almost dropped from the repertoire. But it was recorded anyway, and the song has since become indelibly linked to Streisand's lineup. "People" reached No. 1 in 1964.

Jazz version

In 1996, Celine Dion's "All By Myself" claimed the No. 1 slot for three weeks. Written by Eric Carmen, the melody was an adaptation of Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto. The song has been sung by everyone, from Sinatra, Paul Anka and Hank Williams Jr.—even Stanley Turrentine recorded a jazz version.

The version by Dion differed from the original because she dropped the false ending Carmen used before reprising the chorus one last time.

Another Dion entry mentioned in the book was "My Heart Will Go On," from the James Cameron movie, "Titanic." Just as the movie generated big audiences, the song attracted considerable attention for its sappy, romantic musings. The second week "My Heart" was No. 1 at the chart, it got a record number of airplays for a single week—9,145!

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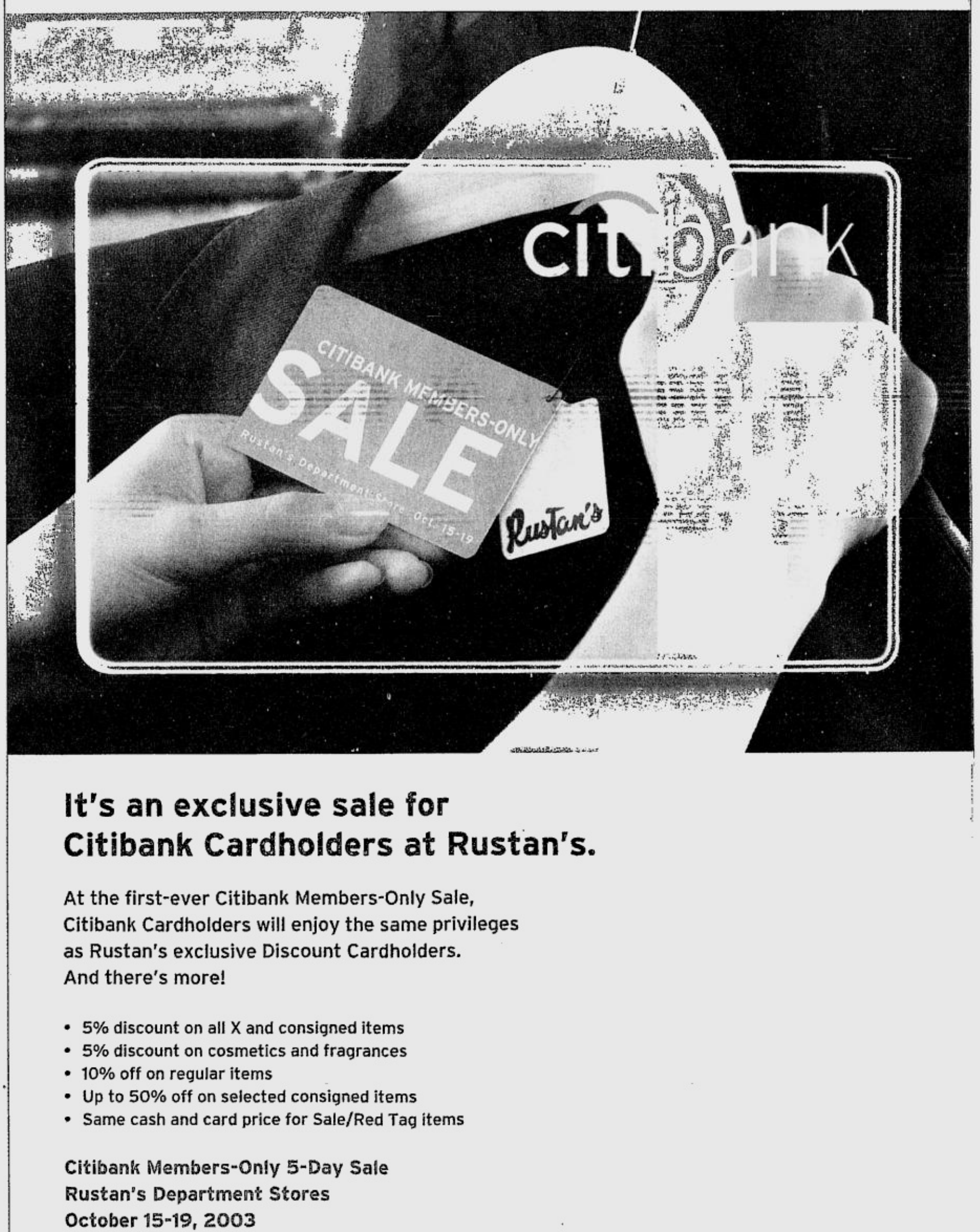

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Rito P. Asilo

FROM Melissa Masa: "I am a huge fan of Nicole Kidman. Please write about her."

Nicole Kidman may be known as a top Australian import, but she was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. The 5'11" stunner's father is a biochemist and clinical psychologist who researched extensively on breast cancer in Washington, DC before he moved the family to Sydney.

First stage production

In her first stage production, she was a bleating sheep in a Christmas play. When she got older, she worked regularly at the Philip Street Theater, where she once received a personal letter of praise from an audience member, then-film student Jane Campion ("The Piano," "Portrait Of A Lady").

Kidman eventually dropped out of high school to pursue a career in acting.

At 16, she landed a role in the Australian holiday favorite, "Bush Christmas." That appearance led to her turn as a schoolgirl-turned-protester in the miniseries, "Vietnam" (for which she won her first Australian Film Institute award). She made her US film debut, opposite Sam Neill, in the cult favorite, "Dead Calm."

Kidman's next casting coup scored her more than just exposure. She starred as Tom Cruise's doctor in "Days of Thunder." After a whirlwind courtship, the couple married in 1990.

Controversial

What followed were high profile projects. Onstage, she starred in the controversial "The Blue Room," where she had a number of nude scenes with Iain Glen.

She figured prominently in Forbes' Celebrity 100, with an estimated yearly take of $27 million. Former husband Tom is nowhere in the list. She received a $7.5 million paycheck for her Oscar-winning "The Hours," and a hefty $15 million for the upcoming black comedy, "The Stepford Wives," with Bette Midler.

But Nicole got even bigger after her marriage to Tom Cruise fell apart. She's currently working on eight projects in various stages of production. But she keeps her feet on the ground. *(To be concluded)*

'Stop Kiss' notes

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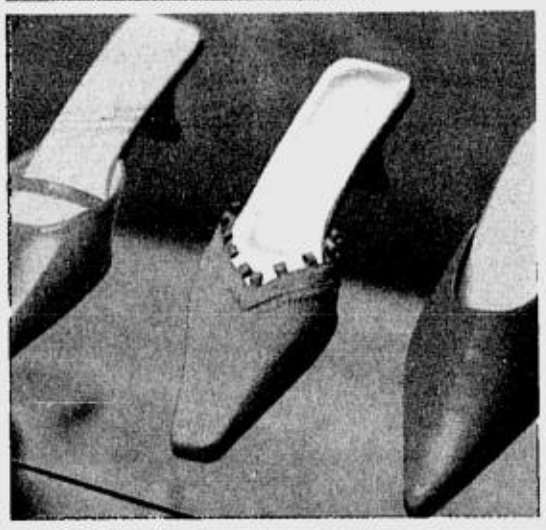

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TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Mariah Carey's lucrative 'send-off'

By Rito P. Asilo

"THREE songs from the well-loved Gershwin repertoire contain the phrase 'Who could ask for anything more?' Enumerate them."

Answer: "I Got Rhythm," "Nice Work If You Can Get It" and "I'm About to Become a Mother."

No deal

"Before Mariah Carey's "Glitter" album flopped, she was paid a 'signing-on bonus' of $21 million for a four-album deal, said to be worth $100 million, with Virgin-EMI. She was allegedly paid a huge amount to end the deal. How much did they pay her?"

Answer: Carey may have worldwide sales of more than 150 million, but after the "Glitter" album (and the movie) failed at the charts, the record company

CAREY. Was paid $29 million to nullify an earlier deal.

nullified the deal by paying her, hold your breath, $29 million! What a send-off, huh?

Unruly crew

"It's not uncommon for members of rock bands to get booted out of hotel rooms for unruly, destructive behavior. In 1984, it was Motley Crue's turn to demonstrate this notion. What was their offense?"

Answer: They threw mattresses out of hotel windows and watched these bounce off cars. Consequence? They weren't just expelled from the hotel—they got kicked out of Germany altogether.

From cover to cover

"The Beatles' 'Yesterday' is said to be the most recorded song in history. How many versions of the popular song exist?"

Answer: "Yesterday" was originally released as a cut on the "Help!" soundtrack. It topped the pop chart for four weeks in 1965. To date, there are more than 2,500 cover versions of the song.

Long life

"In the late '90s, two versions—LeAnn Rimes' and Trisha Yearwood's—of the song, "How Do I Live," topped the charts. How long did Rimes' single stay on the top 25 US country singles chart to merit a Guinness World Records listing?"

Answer: LeAnn's single charted in June 1997 and stayed there until April 2002—that's a massive 250 weeks (almost five years)!

One for the dogs

"One of the Beatles' popular songs was composed (and recorded) by Paul McCartney for his Shetland sheepdog. Which song was this?"

Answer: McCartney went to the studio and recorded an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, at the end of 'A Day in the Life.'"

'LATE NITE CATECHISM'

Divine comedy that's second to nun

By E.G. Porciuncula

AFTER many New York-centric plays, here's a godsend that's truly unusual and refreshing.

Wild pastiche

But this is not some wild pastiche like "Moulin Rouge." Bahaghari Productions' currently showing presentation of the US stage smash, "Late Nite Catechism," by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan is, all at once, deliriously funny and innovative, yet engagingly simple and so close to home.

Zeneida "Bibot" Amador and Baby Barredo give a maestro's touch to their alternating portrayals of the lead role in this one-character play—a nun, that is, who gives a catechism lecture to an adult class (played by the audience).

Their lesson plan: A omniscient, almighty mirth; an "interactive comedy" experience for all of us novices at the abbey of rebel theater; and a brief discussion about Roman Catholic catechism that somehow touches. It also pleasantly awakens fond memories of our Catholic school days. If you're not Catholic, don't fret. Essentially, all the fun is *nun*-sectarian.

Slightly strict

Make sure all things are in order and cellphones are off when our slightly strict and benevolently hilarious nun enters! What follows is a breezy one-and-a-half hour exorcism of whatever evil spirit is eating at your good humor.

The content of our sister's booklet of exorcism rites: humorous gags and good fun that attack from light but enlightening exchanges with the audience on saints, dogma, religious orders, Vatican II, the good old days of masses in Latin, getting hit by a bus, Cain and Abel, and other sundries.

Talks never become irreverent or blasphemous, though. We befriended two sisters from St. Joseph watching the show who laughed comfortably throughout, with nothing negative to report to the Cardinal.

As for the performances, you will not be left wanting. Ms Amador's nun is cherubically cute. There is no other clever way to say it—she is just an absolute delight to watch. Her comic timing and ad-libbed improvisations are almost miraculous!

Strong personality

Ms Barredo's performance, on the other hand, brings to mind the Catholic school sister-teacher with the strong personality that you have grown to love (and, perhaps, still fear a little bit.) Her alternating intense stares and charming smiles, not to mention her natural comedic instincts, create an astoundingly memorable character.

The two performances could actually be considered "companion pieces" to each other. We suggest you see both actresses.

"Late Nite Catechism" is a rare, "heavenly" convergence of highly entertaining theatrical elements: riotous humor, a religious theme that we, Filipinos, hold particularly dear, the new "interactive comedy" genre and a nun (actress) that you will surely fall in love with.

Remaining performances on Oct. 23, 24 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 19, 26 at 3 p.m. RCBC Plaza, Ayala Avenue, Makati City. Call Ticketworld 891-5610 or the C.P. Romulo Auditorium at 889-1246.

Arnell Ignacio talks about his latest project

By Jocelyn Valle

IN the middle of an interview about his latest business venture, Arnell Ignacio suddenly asks this writer to rank five animals according to their importance to us.

Choices

"I got this from an email," he explains, as he excitedly jots down our choices. "*Pareho tayo, eksakto*: tiger, horse, sheep, cow and pig." "Tiger *daw* is pride; horse, family; sheep, love; cow, career; and pig, money," he explains, laughing. "*Kaya hindi ako yumayaman! There was a time na sinoli ko ang binayad sa akin sa isang* show. Pride!"

But more than arrogance, conceit and self-importance, pride can also mean satisfaction and self-respect. That's why Arnell has this uncompromising position on what is right and just.

A case in point is when the singer-actor ran as a councilor in Quezon City. "I had this long list of livelihood programs for the residents," he recalls, shaking his head. "People laughed at me. *Bakit ko daw siniseryoso?*"

So, when he lost in the election, Arnell felt more relieved.

Problems

Arnell has also decided to close his pizza-delivery business. "It was earning well, but I had problems with my employees," he says, sighing that they never ran out of excuses. "*May nagkakasakit, namamatayan.* Then one day the police came looking for me. *Yun palang driver, nakabangga ng sasakyan. Ano ba 'to?*"

Needless to say, the host of Channel 7's "K! The P1 Million Videoke Challenge" can be very passionate in everything that he does.

Two years ago, Ricky Reyes broached the idea to get into the wig business. Ever since Arnell

IGNACIO. Passionate.

noticed that he was starting to lose his hair (balding runs in his family, he says), his quest for the perfect solution began.

"I've tried everything," he exclaims. "*One time, nagpa*-injection pa ako. *Noon kasi, kami ni* Ai Ai (delas Alas), *mahilig mag*-try *ng kung anu-ano. Siya 'yung sa pampaputi, ako naman 'yung pampatubo ng buhok.*"

He recounts with amusement how he confidently went swimming one day with his new hair. "After some time, I just saw it floating in the water," he laughs.

Sleeping pill

Another time, he was on board a plane to a gig in a middle-eastern country. He popped a sleeping pill so he would be in deep slumber all throughout the flight. "*Yun pala, bumababa ang buhok ko,*" he chuckles, pointing to his eyebrows, where his wig has slid down to. "The stewardess didn't know if she should wake me up to tell me what has happened to my hair."

But his very own creative hair system center, called Hairwear by Arnelli, has solved all that. He says, "You won't need a special hairdresser or a special comb to style it."

The celebrity entrepreneur happily reports that Hairwear by Arnelli is easier to manage than Arnelli's Pizza.

YOUR WEEKLY TV GUIDE FROM OCT 18 - OCT 24

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Songs that make you go hip-hop

By Noelani Torre

FROM first track, 'Jump Around," to last track, "Gettin' Jiggy With It," Sony Music's compilation of rap hits—"Things That Make You Go Hmmmm"—does more than make you go hmmm; it makes you boogie, mosh, and even try your hand (or your tongue, rather) at a little rap.

KAMOZE. Has always resisted classification.

17 tracks

Composed of 17 tracks all in all, this CD is more than an hour's worth of hot '90s rap and hip-hop, from the Sugarhill Gang to Vanilla Ice and Bone Thugs N' Harmony. Here, we find the songs of our younger, pre-Eminem days, the hits that introduced rap, R&B and hip-hop to mainstream audiences.

The collection literally kicks off with "Jump Around." Courtesy of the House of Pain—Everlast, Danny Boy and DJ Lethal—the only Irish-American trio in rap that we know of, this 1992 hit has long been a mosh pit favorite, creating a strong following for the group not only in the rap scene but, because of its rock undertones, in the alternative scene as well.

Disbanded

Unfortunately, the group was unable to follow it through, and they disbanded after their third album flopped in 1996. Everlast has since been enjoying a productive solo career and DJ Lethal threw in his lot with Limp Bizkit.

This one-hit wonder scenario is acted out by several other groups in this compilation—not surprising, as fame in rap is notoriously short-lived—but not by Cypress Hill, whose contribution in this album, "Insane in the Brain," is one of our favorites.

Formed in Los Angeles and named after one of the city's streets, Cypress Hill is DJ Muggs, B-Real and Sen Dog. Springing from the Latin quarter, the trio imbue their songs with funky rhythms and pro-hemp sentiments (they champion the cause of NORML, the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws), two elements more than present in the easygoing but edgy crossover sensation, "Insane in the Brain."

Unlike the other groups featured here, Cypress Hill has been going strong, incorporating a new member, Eric Bobo, and DJ Muggs lending his production skills to such luminaries as Ice Cube and the Beastie Boys.

Crossover

Another '90s crossover hit we like is Ini Kamoze's "Here Comes the Hot Stepper," a stand-out in this collection because it's actually more reggae than rap. Kamoze has always resisted classification, however, so it's impossible to pin down this thrumming, laid-back piece which marked Kamoze's comeback in 1996 after quitting the scene in the late '80s. The song was also included in the soundtrack of Robert Altman's "Pret-A-Porter."

C & C Music Factory's "Things That Make You Go Hmmmm..." is the title track. A solid, playful piece that hasn't lost its appeal over the years, this song ruled the charts of 1992 and paved the way for the duo's (Robert Clivillés and David Cole) future successes—which include the soundtrack of "The Bodyguard." Sadly, Cole died soon after of meningitis.

Among the more familiar tracks in this collection are Snap!'s "The Power," MC Hammer's "U Can't Touch This," Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby" and Bone Thugs N' Harmony's "Crossroads."

Memorable

The Snap! duo—Turbo B and cousin Jackie Harris—split soon after the release of this smash hit. Their song remains memorable, however, and it was last heard in the Jim Carrey-starrer, "Bruce Almighty."

Hammer's "U Can't Touch This" is another memorable song, though its catchy riff was actually lifted from Rick James' "Superfreak." Ultra danceable—as recently proven in "Charlie's Angels"—it catapulted its clean, non-gangsta rapper into a stardom that would last for only a few years. Nevertheless, there's never been a bigger rap star than MC Hammer.

Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby" exploded onto the rap scene in the early '90s, making him the second white rapper to top the charts (the Beastie Boys were the first).

"Things That Make You Go Hmmmm..." gives you a totally enjoyable trip down the rap and hip-hop memory lane. You certainly won't be disappointed.

Writing scripts for young audiences

By Nestor U. Torre

PEOPLE are fretting these days that little of what's available onstage, on TV and in the movies is suitable for children. So, there's a move on for plays and productions to be developed that are intended for young audiences.

Ethical sense

This makes both artistic and ethical sense. And it's also financially feasible, because the Philippines is a country that has a predominantly young population. So, there are literally millions of young viewers out there (plus their parents) who will support good productions for children.

First, however, the scripts for those productions have to be written. This poses a problem, because many practising writers don't know how to write for this specialized audience.

They pretty much do what they usually do, and try to modify it by "thinking young," simplifying the vocabulary they use, and writing short pieces instead of more full-bodied works.

Unfortunately, their efforts often turn out to be unsuccessful, because they haven't had the time or the interest to really study and understand their new audience.

The hard way

Mary Louisa Molesworth had to learn how to do it the hard way, and offers the fruits of her labor, with the view in mind of helping other people who write scripts for children become more effective and successful at their newly chosen craft and art:

"Writing for children calls for a peculiar gift," she shares. "But it is very difficult to define this gift. It is to some extent the power of seeing as children see, feeling as they feel, realizing the intensity of their hopes and fears, their unutterably pathetic sorrows, their sometimes even more pathetic joys—but not by becoming one of them. You have to remain yourself, in full possession of your mature judgment, your wider and deeper views."

She goes on to urge writers never to overlook or take for granted children's marvelous "impressionableness," or forget what is good for them. But this should be done subtly, unobtrusively, so young viewers don't know that they are being "taught." Because, if they do, they feel pressured and quickly lose interest.

It's also important to desist from scaring or hurting them and their sensibilities in any way. Above all, writers must avoid all false or exaggerated sentiment, because children are quick to detect them—and reject them instantly.

Save for occasional flights of fancy and wonder, scripts for children should be based on what's real. It would be false love for children to write stories for them that paint life to be a bed of roses.

Brighter side

But you must also inculcate a belief in the brighter side of life, in the goodness of at least some people, of the possibility of happiness, and the inspiration we get from beauty.

If a scriptwriter isn't an optimistic person, he shouldn't write for children!

In Molesworth's view, the best writers of material for children are mature artists who have already outgrown the confusion and tempestuousness of the teen or young-adult years. They acknowledge the dark side of life, but can see beyond it, and have faith in the "merited" happy ending.

The language the writer uses should be the very best, with no "talking down" to the child viewer's level. Rather, there should be more repetition and making sure that the writer's plot of thematic points are clearly understood.

—And so, to write! And may our young audience enjoy and benefit from the products of our love and imagination.

Author Paulo Coelho confident as 'Alchemist' heads for screen

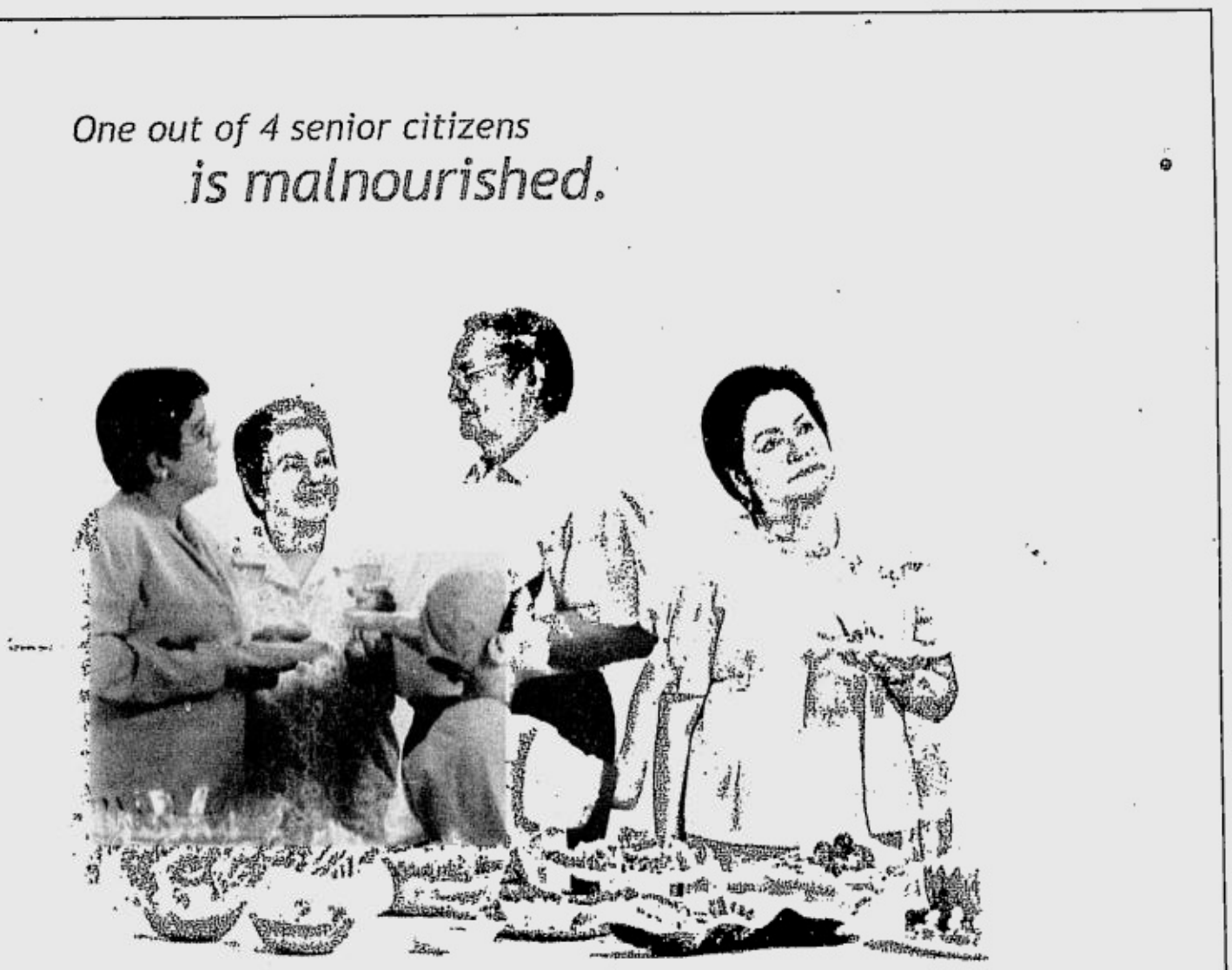
FRANKFURT—Paulo Coelho ranks with JK Rowling and John Grisham as one of the world's most successful writers and now, Hollywood is, at last, bringing his cult classic, "The Alchemist," to the silver screen.

In search

The Brazilian author believes that "Matrix" star Laurence Fishburne will do justice to the book, the tale of an Andalusian shepherd who takes to the desert in search of a treasure.

"I am confident he can make a good movie. He is directing, he wrote the screenplay, and he is acting as the alchemist," Coelho told Reuters at the Frankfurt Book Fair, where he is publicizing his erotic new novel, "Eleven Minutes."

British actor Jeremy Irons and US pop icon Madonna will play leading roles in the film, which has an $80 million budget.Reuters



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JONES. Top female pop and adult contemporary artist.

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50 Cent, Norah Jones, t.A.T.u win big in Monaco

PARIS—Rap superstar 50 Cent was the big winner at the World Music Awards in Monaco, taking home five prizes, including best-selling artist of the year, while Norah Jones won the prize for best-selling pop female artist.

Eminem, Justin Timberlake and Russian girl duo t.A.T.u., were among the winners at the event held in the tiny Riviera principality of Monaco.

Three awards

Russia's pop sensation, t.A.T.u., won three awards, including best-selling pop group, while rapper Eminem was honored as best-selling pop/rock artist and best-selling pop/rock male artist.

Best-selling dance artist award went to Timberlake.

The big winner was 50 Cent, whose music draws on his dangerous past when he hustled crack in a gritty neighborhood of New York City, where he grew up.

Rapper

The rapper won awards for best-selling pop male artist, best-selling R&B artist and best-selling new artist.

Jones, whose folksy, sensuous voice earned her five Grammys earlier this year, won her second award for best-selling adult contemporary artist.

Robbie Williams, Shakira and Dido also won in other categories. AP

Mom shares weighty facts on Pediasure

Pink lips, sun-kissed cheeks and an active lifestyle not to mention a hearty appetite are every mother's gauge of their children's good health. However, every mother knows too that the numbers on their pediatrician's weighing scale may yet tell a different story.

Dr. Liza Francisco, an OB-GYN, and a mother of two, had to follow both her instinct as a mom and as a woman of medicine when faced with her daughters' weight concerns.

Kate and Cheenie

"My daughter Kate, now 4 1/2 years old is really hyperactive. When she was 6 months old, she developed constipation from drinking her formula milk. That and her active state, her weight was not improving."

"On the other hand, my youngest daughter Cheenie, who's 3 years old, was a diagnosed case of ventricular septal defect." Also called VSD, it is a condition wherein a baby is found to have a hole between the right and left ventricle of the heart. *"Again, it was at 6 months that it became more apparent that she was not gaining the ideal weight for her age"*, Dr. Francisco explains.

The Doctor is In... the house!

Being a Mom, these turn of events were definitely a cause of worry. But then, Dr. Francisco knew what needed to be done.

"Since I'm a doctor, upon seeing my daughters' growth patterns, I opted to shift them to high caloric milk." She was introduced to no less than Pediasure by her sisters, whose children were drinking Pediasure for some time.

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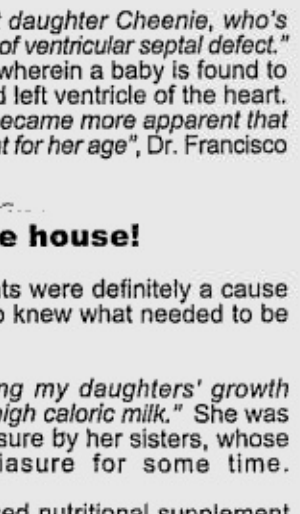
Gaining from Pediasure

Dr. Francisco points out that her daughters loved the taste of Pediasure. In fact, Kate was drinking 2 to 3 glasses of Pediasure a day while Cheenie would have 3 to 4 glasses a day. The weight gain was achieved in about 2 to 3 months and according to Dr. Fransisco, family and friends couldn't help but notice.

Dr. Francisco was happy that Pediasure gave her the results she wanted for her daughters. The benefit was undeniably clear. "At least even if they don't eat lots of solids, they are on Pediasure! The other thing is, I have observed that they don't get sick often" she volunteers to say.

Now, Dr. Francisco admits to even recommending Pediasure to her friends and patients. Ask your pediatrician about Pediasure today. Or call Pediasure's Nutri hotline **746-0669** Monday to Friday for free nutritional advice.



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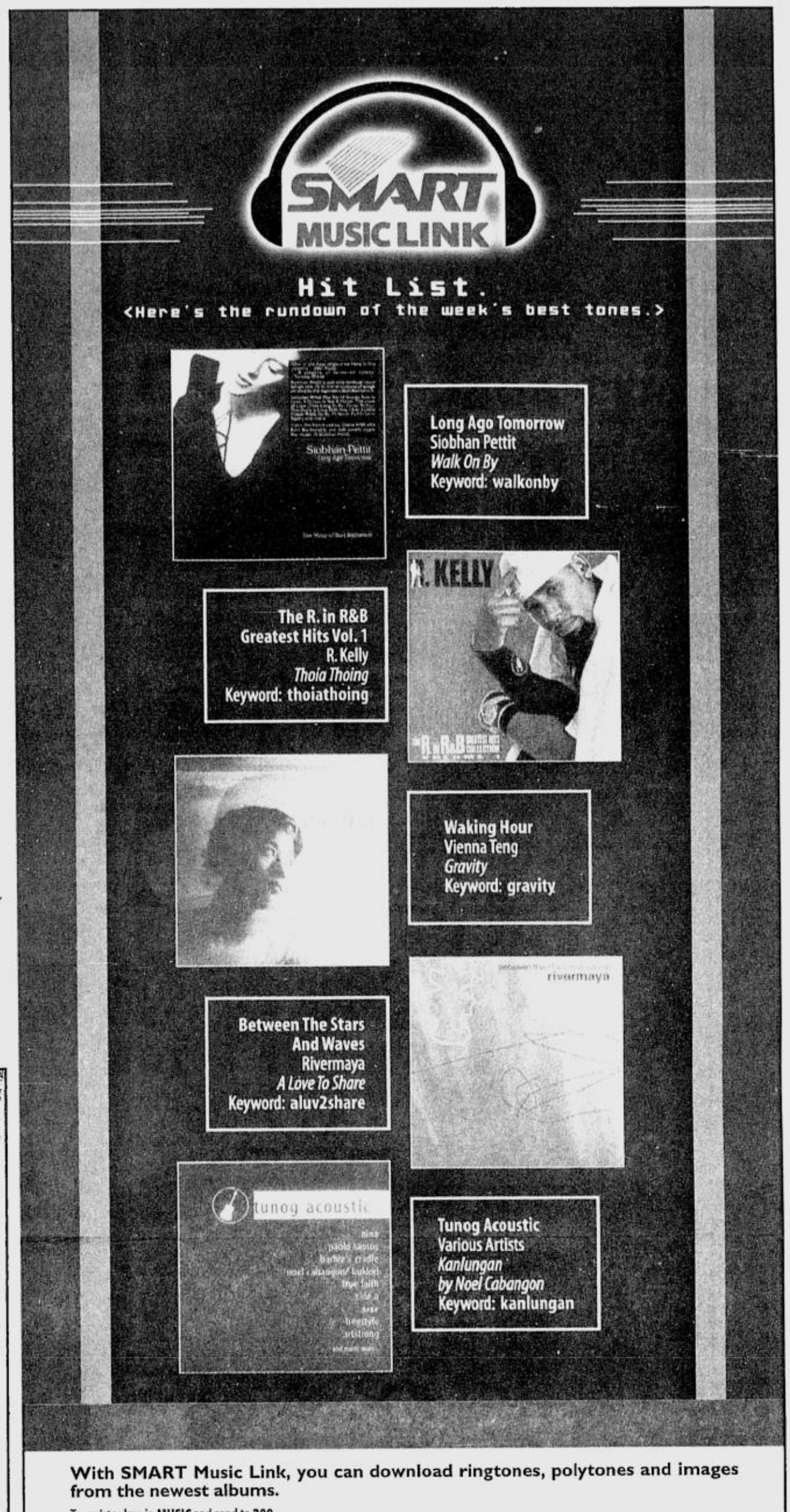

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2 **Acoustic Night Live** Various Artists	9 **Heavier Things** John Mayer	19 **The R. in R&B Greatest Hits Vol. 1** R. Kelly keyword: *thoiathoing*
3 **Michael Bublé** Michael Bublé	10 **Nyoy Volante with Mannos** Nyoy Volante	20 **Josh Groban** Josh Groban
4 **Playlist** Paolo Santos	11 **A.K.A.: Almost Kinda Acoustic** Various Artists	21 **Go** Vertical Horizon keyword: *imstillhere*
5 **Long Ago Tomorrow** Siobhan Pettit keyword: *walkonby* keyword: *illneverfall*	12 **Bigotilyo** Parokya Ni Edgar	22 **In Concert** Josh Groban
6 **Tunog Acoustic** Various Artists keyword: *kanlungan*	13 **Sacred Love** Sting	23 **Results May Vary** Limp Bizkit keyword: *buildabridge*
7 **Popstar: A Dream Come True** Sarah Geronimo	14 **Forward** John Trones	24 **Waking Hour** Vienna Teng keyword: *gravity*
	15 **Metamorphosis** Hilary Duff	25 **Bling Bling** Various Artists
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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You are bold and original. You have a fine mind and high aspirations. You often play an important role in the lives of others. You have a commanding presence, but you are not a typical leader. You like to be where the action is. You can look forward to a social year. Partnerships are definitely favored.
Birthdate of: Chuck Berry, musician; Mike Ditka, football coach; Pierre Trudeau, Canadian prime minister.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): This is a good day to accept favors or gifts from others. People feel big-hearted; if you don't let them give you something, how can they be generous?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): This is a wonderful day for a party. It's also great time for sports, artistic activities and anything to do with show business, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Don't hesitate to make where you live look more attractive. However, this is not a good day to spend money. Wait until evening to do that.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Good times with siblings, friends and neighbors come easily today. People are in a good mood. Conversations are witty, friendly and in high spirits. New friendships can begin now.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): This is the perfect day or evening to entertain at home. Invite people over. Don't be fussy. Just relax and enjoy yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Today is the kind of day where rest and recreation come before work and duty. You feel contented and benevolent. You are at peace with the world, and life feels good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): It's all right to be generous to others today, but be careful. Don't give away the farm. Although it's a fun-loving day, it's a poor day for important decisions or spending money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Enjoy group activities today. Feelings of warm camaraderie easily arise now. Act on this while it lasts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You are impressed with others today. It's not what they own that impresses you—it's their values. You always enjoy meeting someone you genuinely respect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Friends might congregate today to celebrate travel plans. However, wait until this evening to clinch the deal. Until then, ideas and plans could be a tad unrealistic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Others might let you use their property or possessions today. People are openhanded today. Trust their good intentions, but wait until this evening to make sure you know what you're doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): This is wonderful day to enjoy members of the public or conversations with close friends and partners. People are in a good mood. They feel generous and ready to enjoy a good joke.

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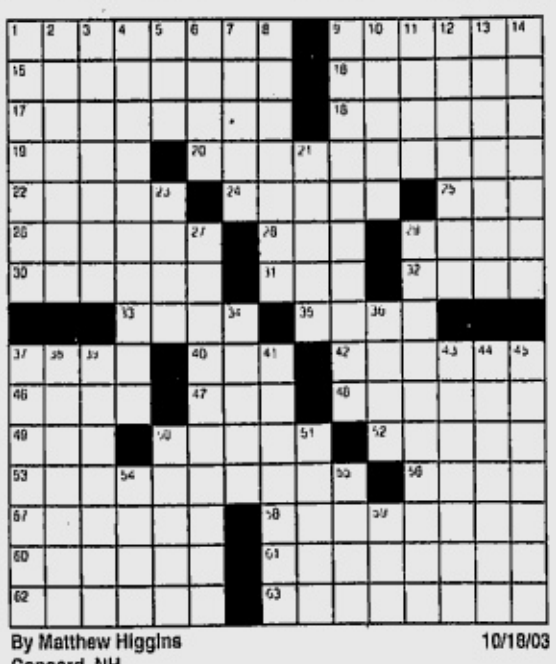

By Matthew Higgins
Concord, NH
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15 Major male rulers
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17 Widely prevalent
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19 Window section
20 Some household utensils
22 Steep slope
24 Germ cell
25 __ es Salaam, Tanzania
26 Engraved
28 Ages and ages
29 Irishman or Welshman
30 On land
31 __ Lanka
32 Probability ratio
33 Separatist religious group
35 Merit
37 Strong, fast current
40 Killer whale
42 French politician Jacques (1732-1804)
46 Shortly
47 Tiger's position
48 Addison's partner
49 HHS agcy.
50 Area for tollbooths
52 Sail-extending pole
53 Groundless signal
56 London gallery
57 Aim
58 Nerve inflammation
60 Posture
61 Anti-immigrant party member
62 Tended cattle
63 Components

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1 Mid-ocean
2 Collisions
3 Popeye's power source
4 Bavarian leatherwear
5 Galena or bauxite
6 Hemispherical roof
7 Shows one's teeth?
8 Gets away
9 The Irish, poetically
10 Like an old woman
11 Flat-bottomed vessel
12 Dressed one's hair with ointment
13 Green beryl
14 Gobi and Mojave
21 Ring great Archie
23 French father
27 Beheaded
29 Thoughtful
34 Endurance test
36 Soaks flax
37 Vulgar
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39 Viscous black liquid
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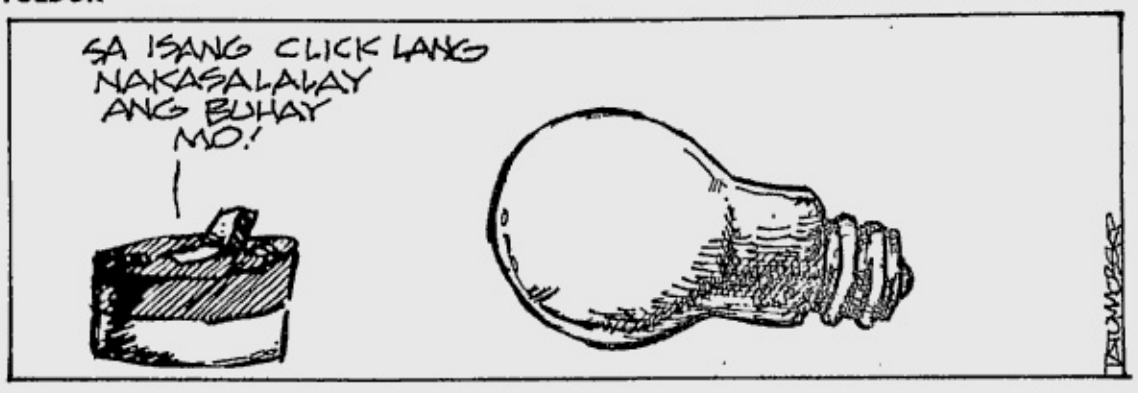

Coming clean about cosmetic surgery

By Nestor U. Torre

THESE days, a lot is being made of some show biz stars' having enhanced their physical attributes with cosmetic surgery. Noses and boobs get a lift, excess poundage is surgically trimmed, older stars' sagging body parts benefit from a strategic nip here, and a judicious tuck there.

New form of deception

The way these procedures are being whispered about, you'd think that local stars had invented a new form of deception. Truth to tell, however, for many years now, entertainers and celebrities all over the world have been resorting to cosmetic surgery to improve on their already yummy facial features and vital statistics.

It's no dark secret, and certainly nothing to be ashamed of. Stars know that beauty and sexiness are prime selling points for entertainment luminaries, so they're simply beefing up their advantage and appeal, in the fond hope that cosmetic enhancements will translate into more work—and money. It's a career investment, that's all it is.

So, why do some people think there's something vaguely disreputable or underhanded about stars and starlets' going under the knife for beauty's sake?

Fake

First, some cosmetic work is obviously fake, as in the case of flat-chested starlets who suddenly put their best silicone-augmented chests forward. The enlargements are so alarmingly huge and unsubtle that they end up upstaging the bold beauties they are supposed to enhance.

Second, stars resort to them because they're too lazy to workout or discipline their food intake. The laziness shows in the augmented beauties' general demeanor, despite their physical improvement. And, before they know it, they've regained the pounds they lost, and are in need of cosmetic surgery all over again.

Third, they don't know how to integrate their new look into their overall performance or projection. Thus, their new faces and bodies look alien to them. They expect the results of plastic surgery to do all of the work, instead of judiciously using them simply as aids for improved appearance and performance.

Main pitfalls

If stars and starlets are able to avoid these major pitfalls, plastic surgery can work for them, instead of causing titters and generating catty comments. The rule is: When you enhance your body, you've got to enhance your attitude as well.

It would also help if the cosmetic changes stars make are subtle rather than sudden. Do it in stages, instead of in one fell swoop! And don't aim for pluperfection, because that's too unreal for viewers to comfortably empathize with.

Retain a flaw or two, why don't you? That way, you'll look more human and accessible, and not quite as off-puttingly "manufactured" or "constructed" as many of the unenlightened *"salamat po, duktor"* beauties who brazenly advertise the ersatz bounties of medical science on our TV-movie screens.

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By Nestor U. Torre

IF 2000 was the year when game shows came into vogue, and 2002 the year when TV soaps kicked most of them out of contention, 2003 can be called the year of dramatizations of show biz stars' lives.

So popular

The trend was started by GMA-7's "Magpakailanman," and became so popular that its competition, mainly ABS-CBN 2's "Maala-ala Mo Kaya?," had little choice but to follow suit.

In fact, most Thursday nights, both shows feature teleplays about the dramatic upheavals in entertainment stars' lives.

"Magpakailanman" has gotten so good at it that it sometimes beats the more experienced Channel 2 show in the ratings.

Of course, "Maala-ala Mo Kaya?" isn't about to take that sitting down, so it's redoubled its efforts to attract viewers to its stellar dramatizations.

The big question is, why do stars' lives attract such avid viewership? TV dramas used to do very well doing fictional material, so why are viewers' preferences different now?

It may be that this change is an offshoot of the show biz press' increased interest in stars' real-life scandals and other skeletons in their closets these past few years.

Signs of this avid interest include the "blind items" that have become popular in print and on TV; television interviews that provoke the stellar guests to anger or tears; stars' lives being commented on even in today's sitcoms; and combative stars and starlets being made to verbally slug it out on TV, in full view of millions of viewers.

New development

The problem with this new development is that stars are generally depicted as weak people who lead messy lives. It's only at the end of their "personal dramatizations" that they become noble, and the change is often too good to be true.

Also, this development encourages fans to think that it's their right to poke into stars' lives. In truth, as some stars abroad put it, the only thing that actors owe their audience is a good performance, period. In less enlightened entertainment climes like ours, however, fans believe that actors are public property—and many stars agree.

The trouble with this view is that it keeps the members of the show biz audience from maturing in their perception of the products of the show biz industry.

The more mature attitude is to appreciate the performance, not the performer, and to be able to distinguish between the performer's private life and his work onscreen.

The fact that some (many?) local viewers can't or don't want to make this distinction means that we will continue to be limited by the cult of personality that has held sway in these parts for many years.

That's why roles are still written for specific stars, actors are nervous about deviating from the stereotypes that have made them popular, and some stars go through their entire careers playing little variations on pretty much the same "signature" character.

Predictability

The result is predictability and consequent boredom, which has driven former fans of local movies to patronize Hollywood productions instead. So, our fetish for personality over versatility has had a major negative effect on local show biz, which is why we should outgrow it as soon as possible.

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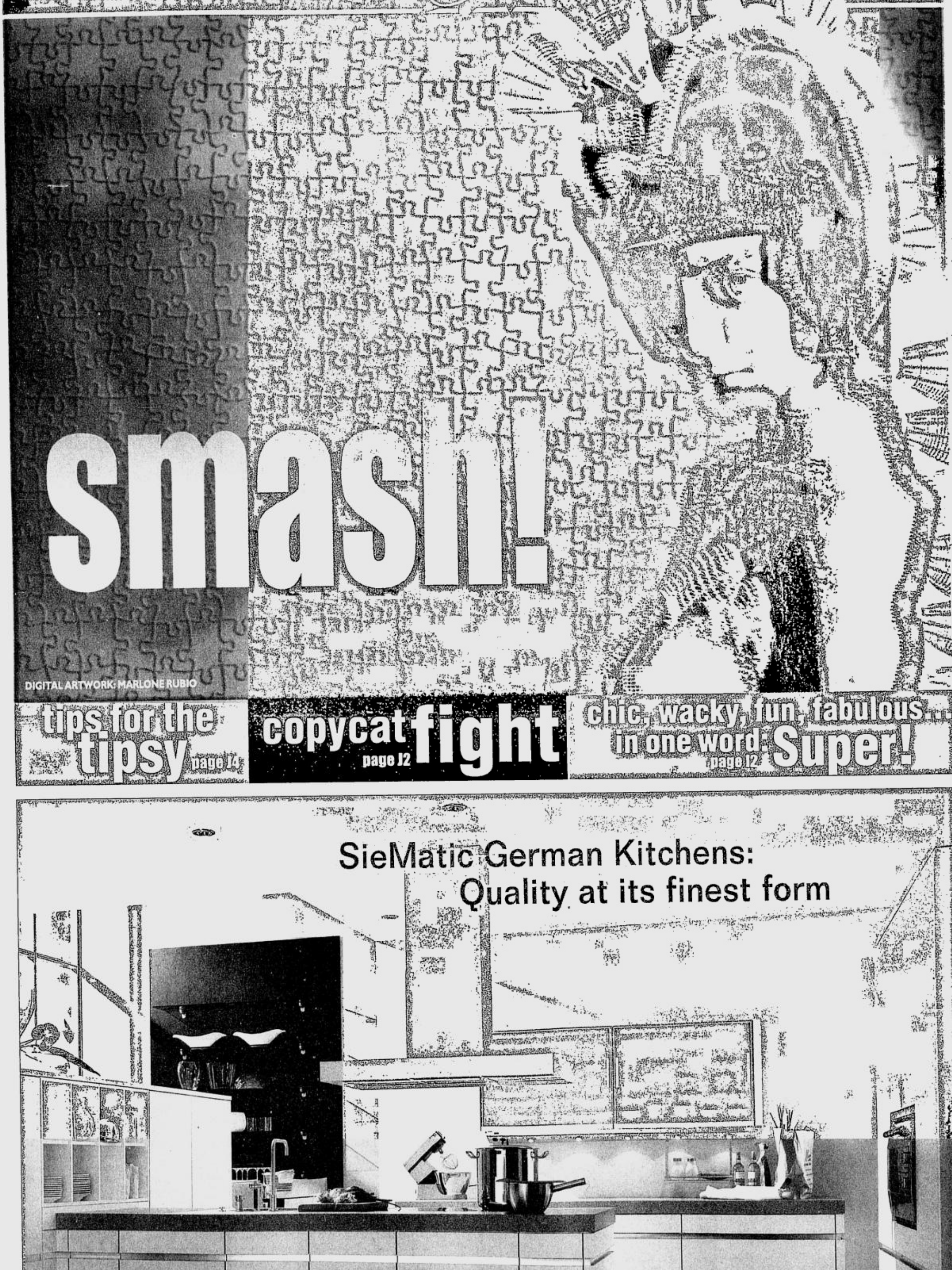

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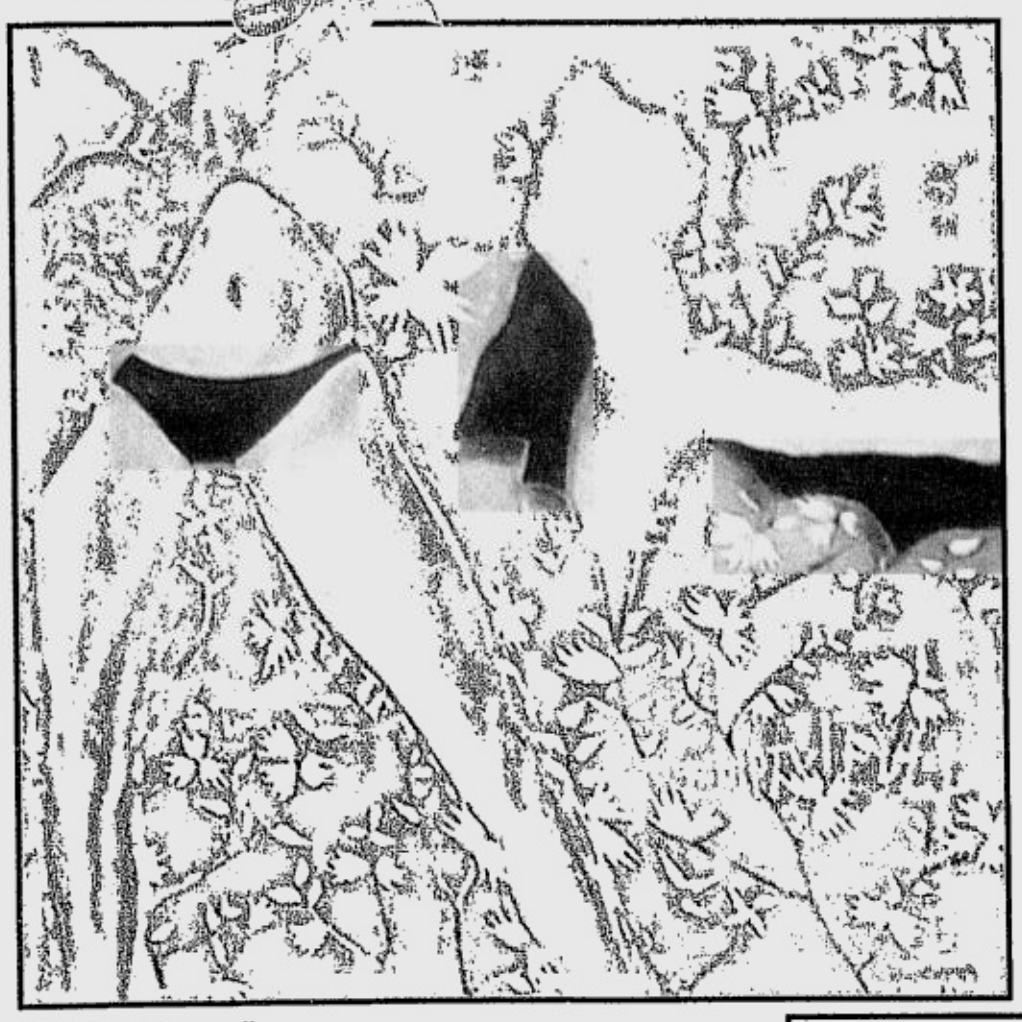

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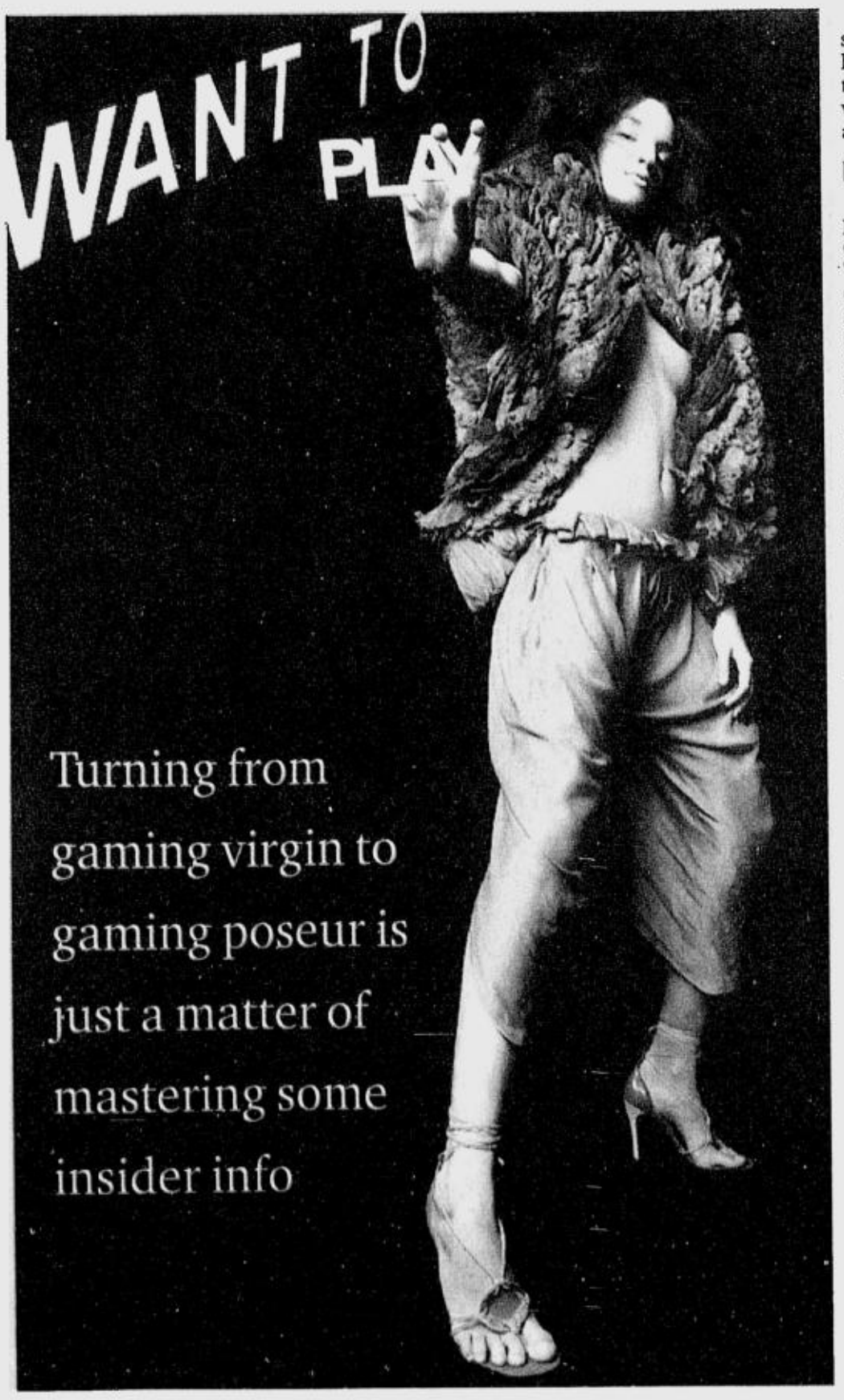

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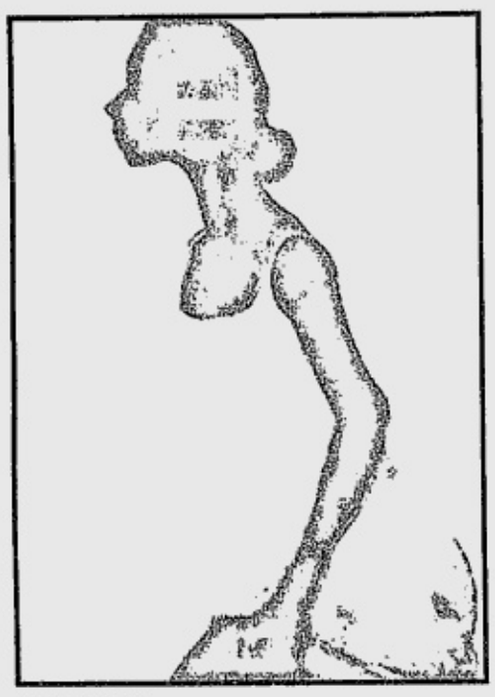

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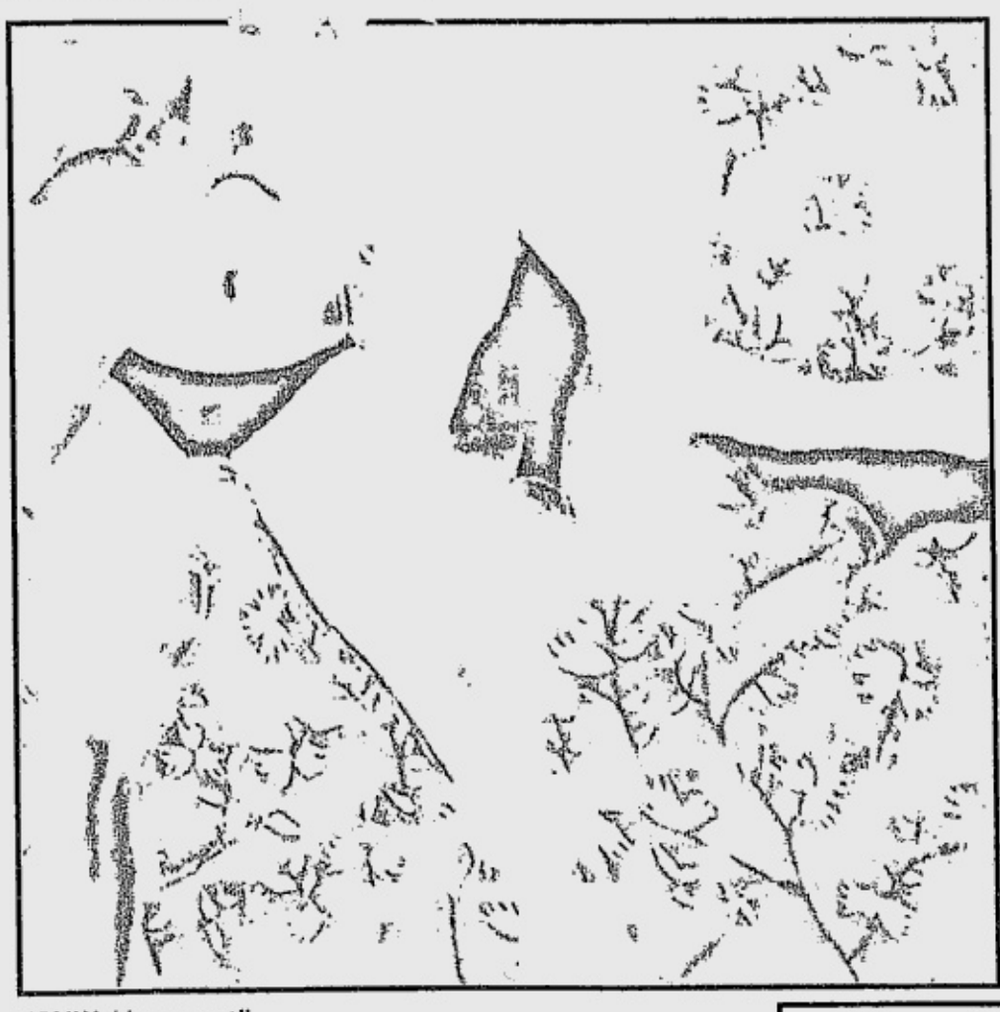

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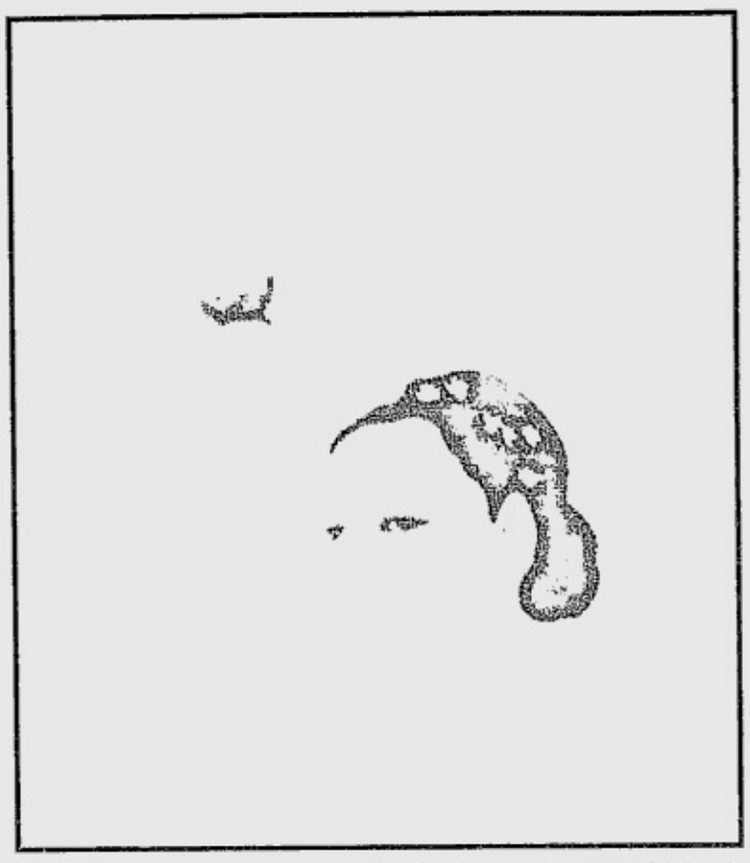

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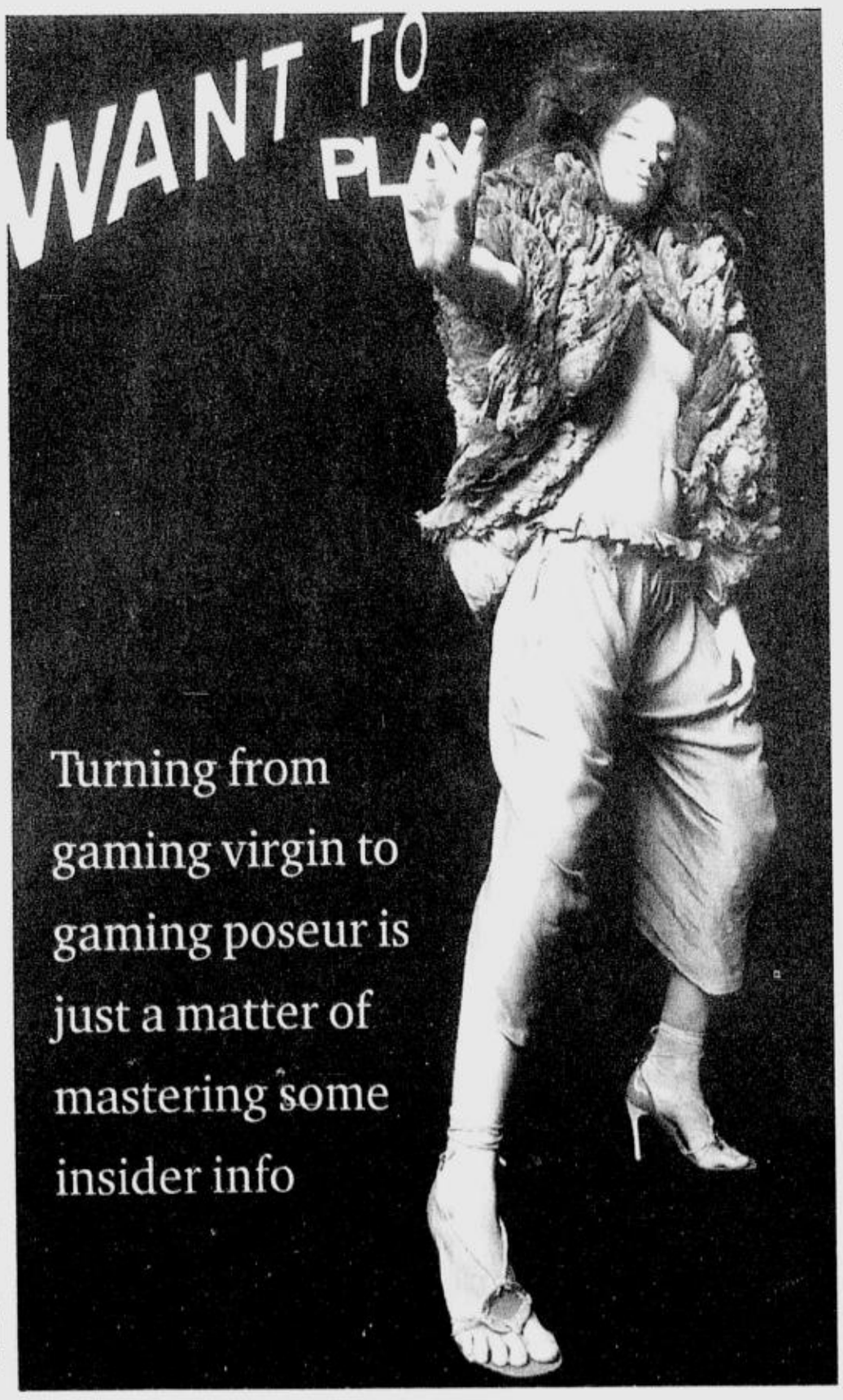

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2 FAST 2 FURIOUS MEETS LEGALLY BLONDE 2. Super! creative director Tim Yap, JM Rodriguez and INQUIRER marketing's Hazel Soriaga at the Greenbelt Cinema before the screening

DAY 1 Super! Fun, Take One, Etc.

WHERE: Greenbelt 3 Cinemas 1 and 2.

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THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS. Super! readers get their day at the movies

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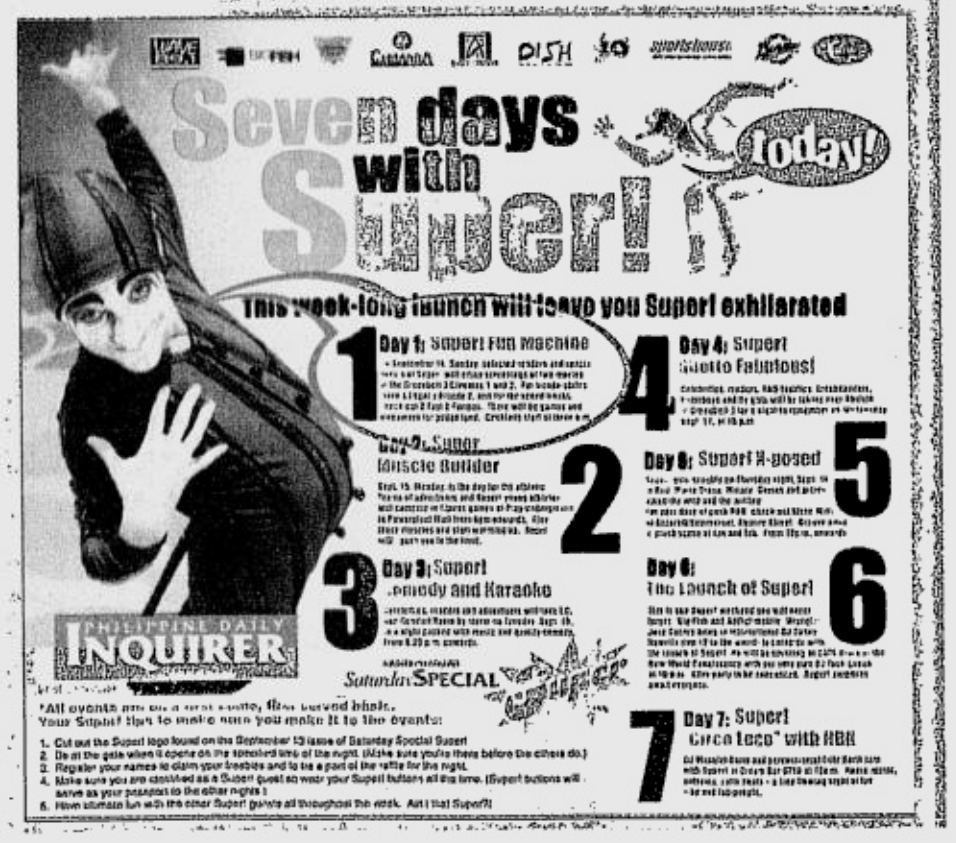

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AFTERHOURS

Compiled by Adrian Cuenca

SATURDAY, OCT. 18:

NUVO: Electrolounge with Scrambled Edge and Don Renato
ACQUARIO: Dance on water with Patch & Erwin Edralin (deep & funky house) open bar from 10-12
RESTAURANT 12: The Lost Classics (Nostalgia without the Cheese) with Adrian Cuenca
DREAMBAR: Circo Loco with Manolet Dario (progressive house) and percussionist Fritz Barth
WHERELSE?: R&B and Hip-hop
TIANANMEN BAR AND RESTO: Couch Culture by Couch Lab (Chill Out, Balearic)
WASABI: Mousee – New Wave anthems
OLIVE: The Boiler Room with Nicky Jurado (Hard Dance), Owens Sun (Progressive) and Myk Tolentino (Progressive, tech-house)
SANCTUM: Sound (Bossa Nova, Acid Jazz)
ABSINTH: Kemistry
FIDEL: Fountain of Youth (Markus' Semi-octogenarian party) with Cocoy Puyat and DJ Patch (soulful, techy, tribal house with some funk)
TAPAS TAPAS, G/F Strata 2000, Emerald Ave., Ortigas: Tequila night. Drink all you can Tequila for P350 from 9 to 12.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21:

TEMPLE: Goodlife Tuesdays with Steve Mills & Paolo Cabalfin

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22:

ABSINTH: Smooth Wednesdays with Steve Mills
BED, Malate: Hump Night with Kevin Ruiz (New York Tribal House) plus Cocoy Puyat and Travis Monsod
IL PONTICELLO: Community with Adrian Cuenca (electro, disco punk) and guest DJs.
TEMPLE: Faith with Manolet Dario & Raji Mata (progressive house)
FLUTE: Johnny Walker presents: Walk on the House Side with DJ Patch (funky house)
OLIVE: Syrup with Lester Castillo

THURSDAY, OCT. 23:

ABSINTH: Electrodisco with Carlo Ching and Bong Garcia
V BAR: Electrobrasil with Scrambled Edge and Joe Henson
TEMPLE: Divine Playground with Kevin Ruiz (progressive, New York tribal house)
OLIVE: Freeflow with Myk Tolentino
AZZURRO: Plush Thursdays, Steve Mills

FRIDAY, OCT. 24:

RESTAURANT 12: 12 after 12 with Chip de la Calzada (sexy, deep house and lounge)
IL PONTICELLO: L8R after-hours (Saturday Morning 12 a.m.) with Kevin Ruiz (progressive, New York tribal house)
ABSINTH: Le-Funk with Patch and Erwin Edralin (funky house)
DREAMBAR: Decadance with Boyet Almazan ('80s and '90s)
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TIANANMEN BAR & RESTO: Couch Culture by Couch Lab (Chill Out, Balearic)
OLIVE: Essential (house music all night long) with Anthony Kierulf, Jay Tengco and Jon & Marc Naval.

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Oct. 20 - 24, 4 PM

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Oct. 23, whole day

Swan Lake Barbie Musical Fantasy
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Oct. 24, 1 PM - 6 PM

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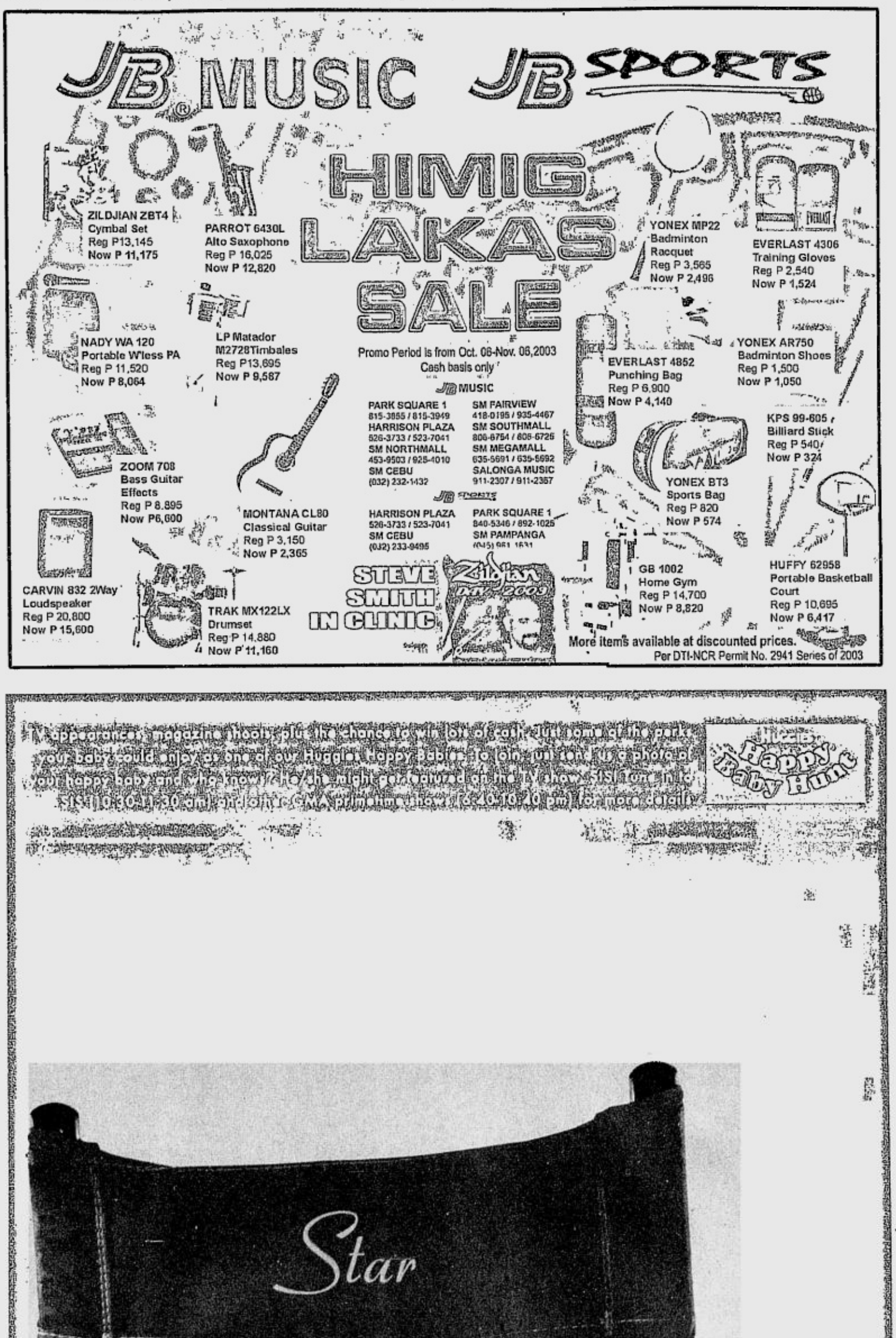

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SATURDAY Super!

climb high!

Where: Play Underground, Rockwell

TEAMS of athletes, advertisers and artistas flexed their pecs and sweated it all out on Day 2, Super's Muscle Builder mania. At Rockwell's Play Underground, everyone put a leg up on the competition, literally, with Super's rock climbing competition with a twist. The three-part event started with the speedy spiders in the speed climb segment. The blindfold climb had gutsy players feeling their way in the dark. Teams of three were then all tied up in the team climb, where the Super! Team showed its peak form, in spite of being clad only in *tsinelas*! In the end, everyone came out a winner in this rocking event!

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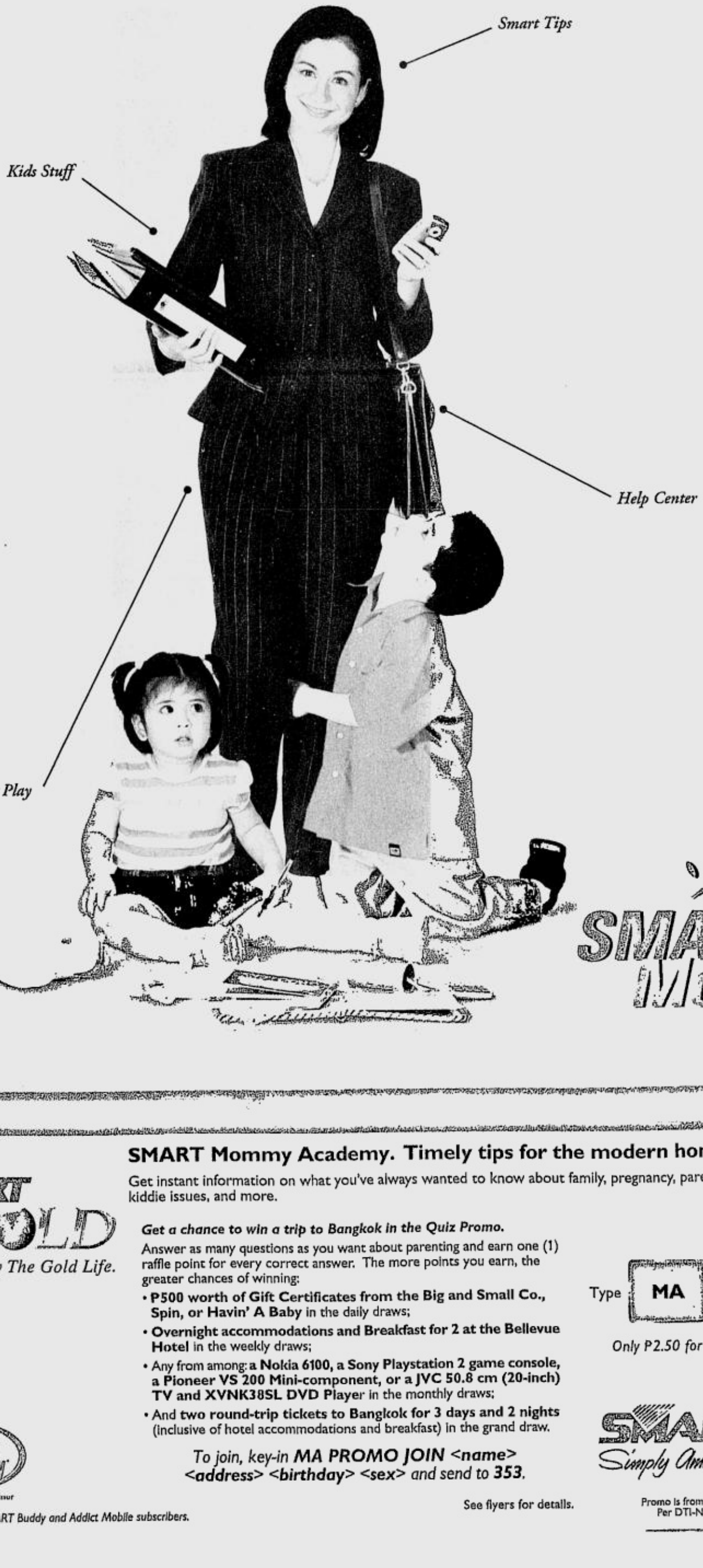

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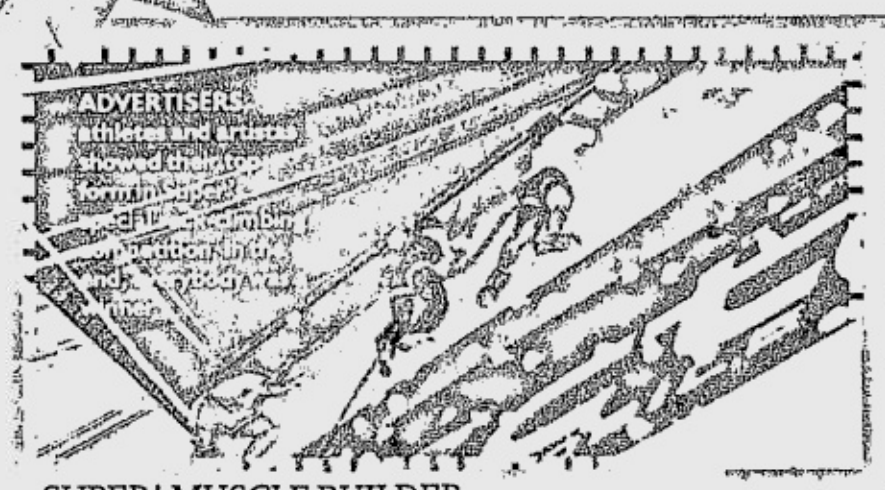

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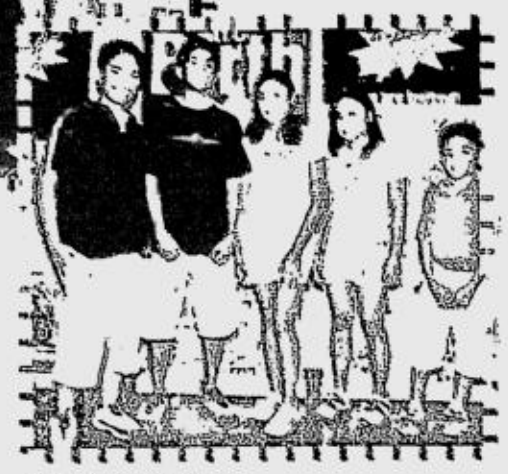

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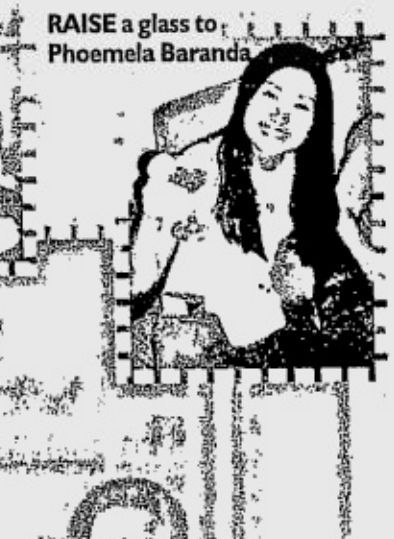

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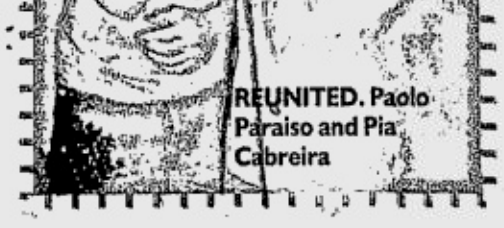

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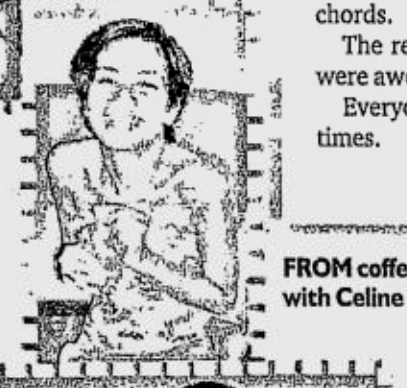

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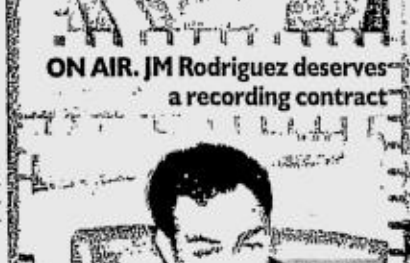

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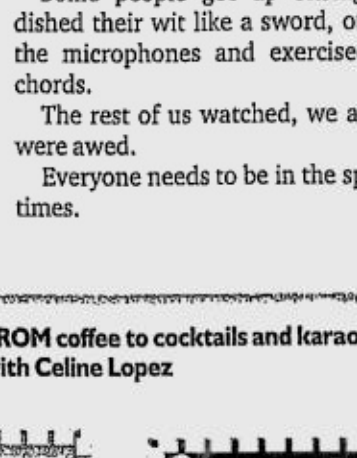

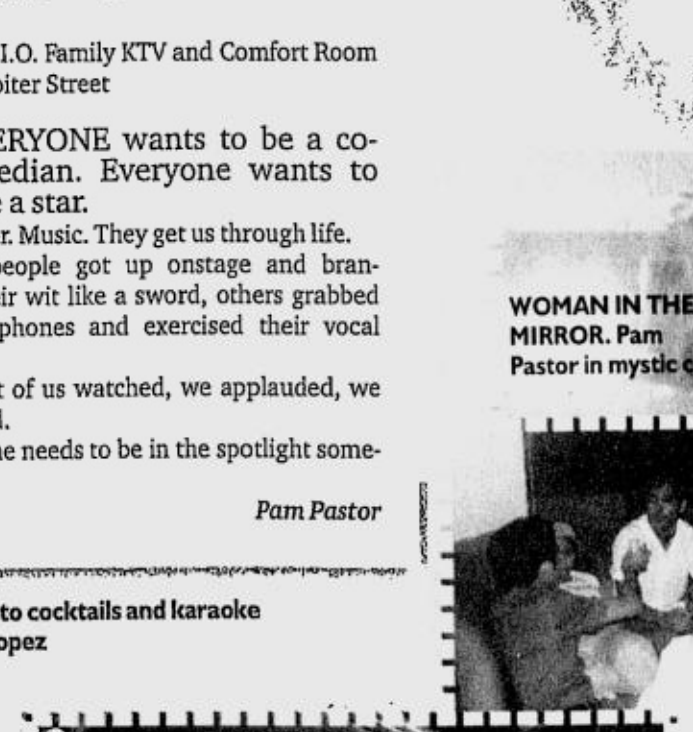

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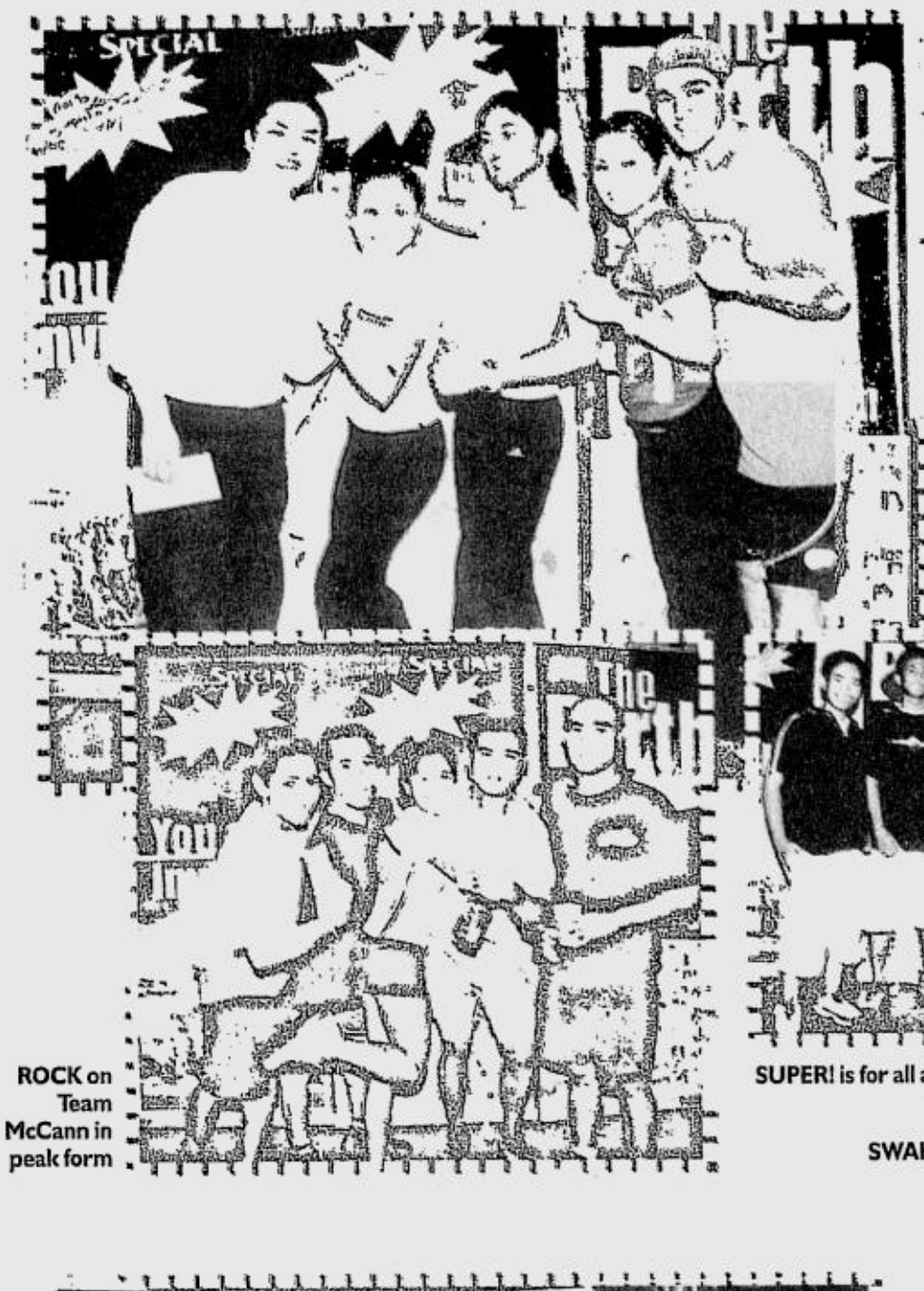

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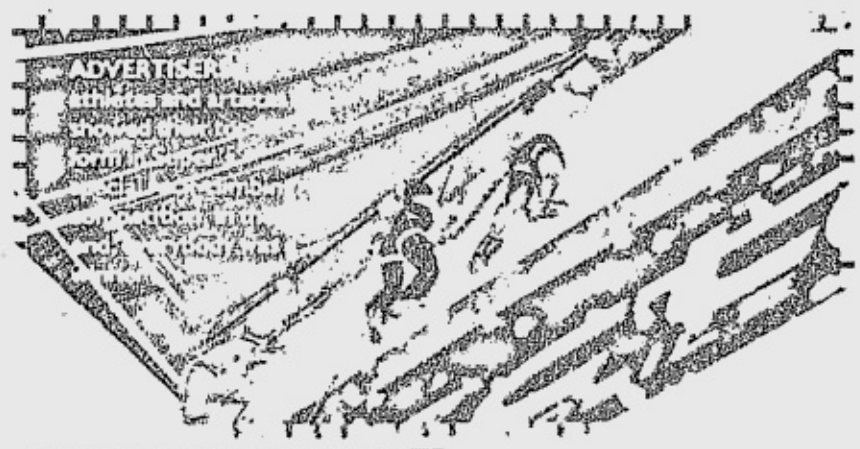

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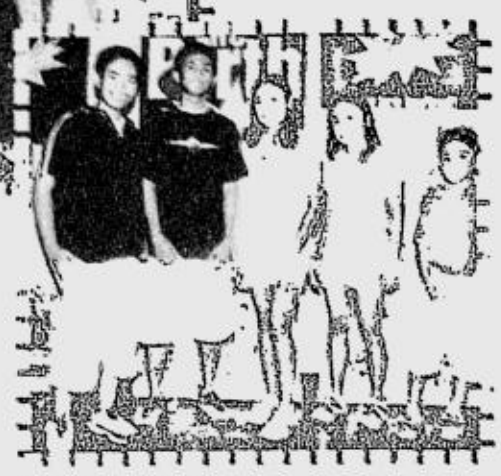

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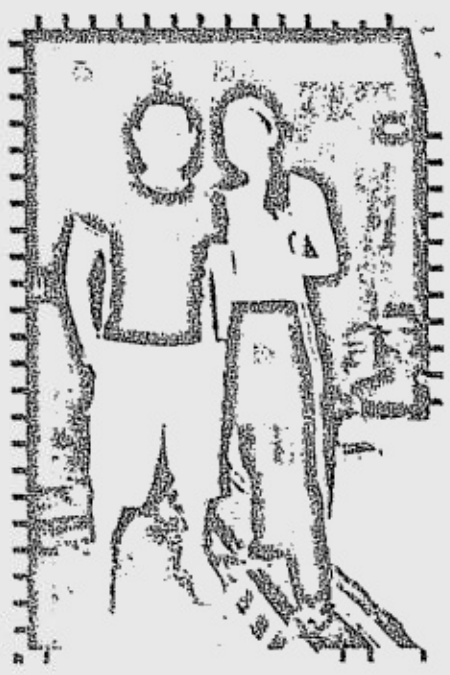

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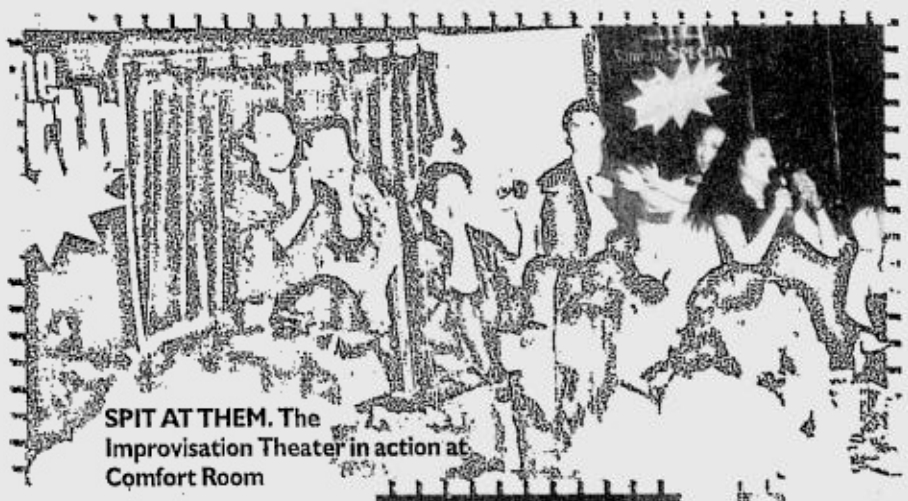

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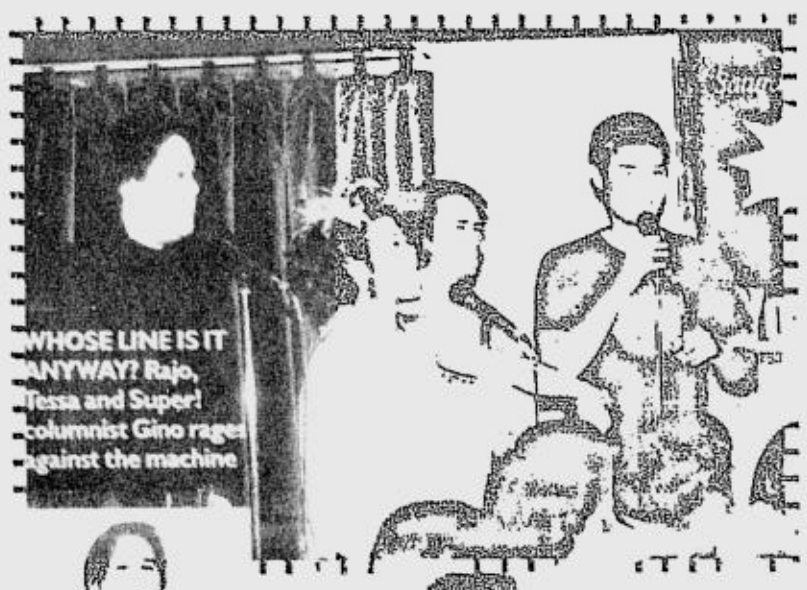

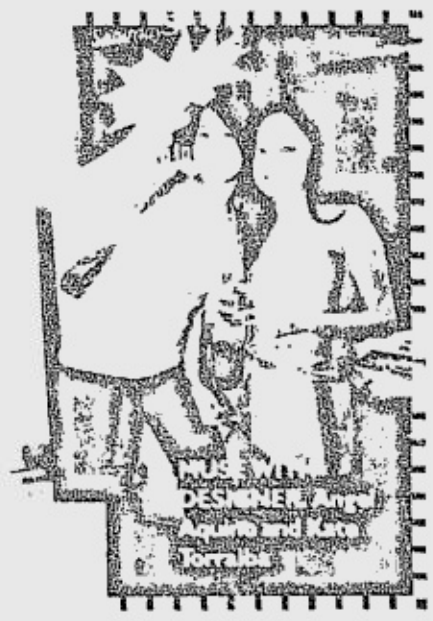

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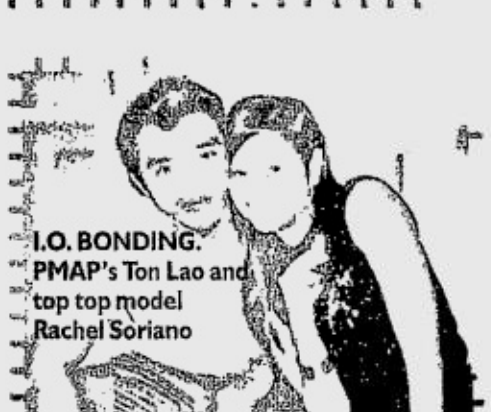

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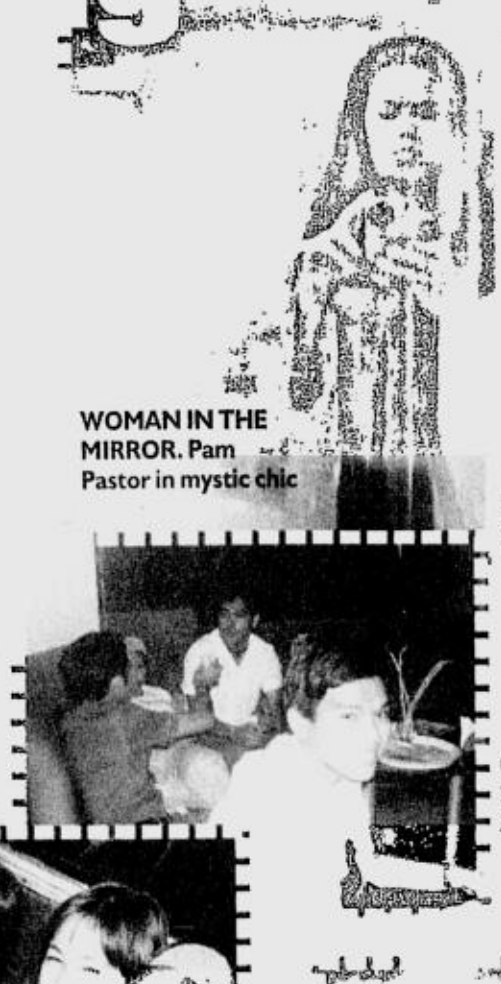

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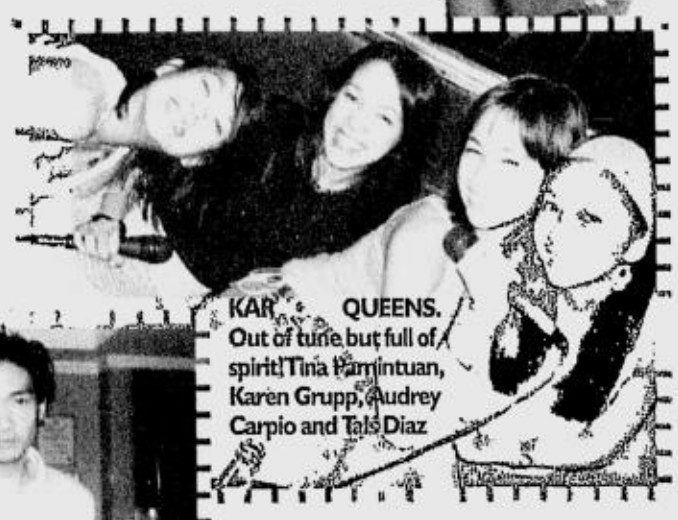

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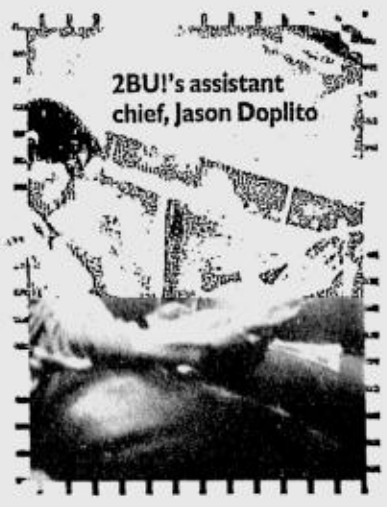

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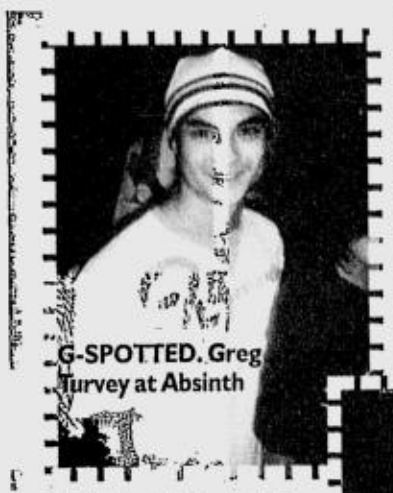
DAY 4

GHETTO FABULOUS

PHOTOS BY TIM YAP

GYRATING guys and gals came out in full force on the dance floor on Super's Ghetto Fabulous night at Absinth. Getting down and drunk to the body-pumping beats of DJ Steve Mills was the sole rite of the night. R n B's resident hottie Paolo Cabalfin steamed up the night by serving up his minty-cool concoctions named after the green fairy's drink. Stylish streetsters spilled out the door and partied like it was their birthday ("it's your birthday, it's your birthday...!)

4AM and the third level of Greenbelt was still groovin' and movin' to the ultra-sexy, funked out basslines to kickstart a Super! weekend. "It's getting hot in here, so..." You know what to do!


G-SPOTTED. Greg Turvey at Absinth

TOUCH ME. Says Geoff Rodriguez

SPIN master Steve Mills

TAKE A peek at Ali Peak

SUPER! bootylicious. Aubrey Miles spotted at Greenbe

HOTTAH, HOTTAH Juddha Paolo in the house

CUTIE SHOWDOWN. Marc Nelson and Greg Martin

YOU are my sunshine, Dizon!

JUNIOR matinee idol Biboy Ramirez

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A-LIST seduction by Avi Siwa

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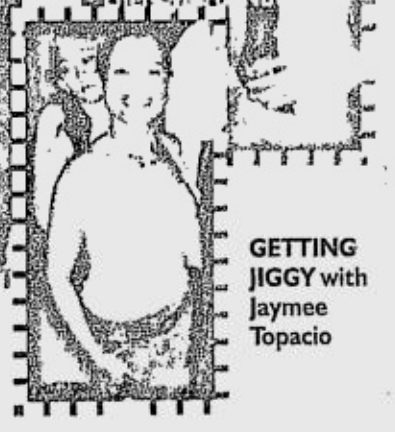
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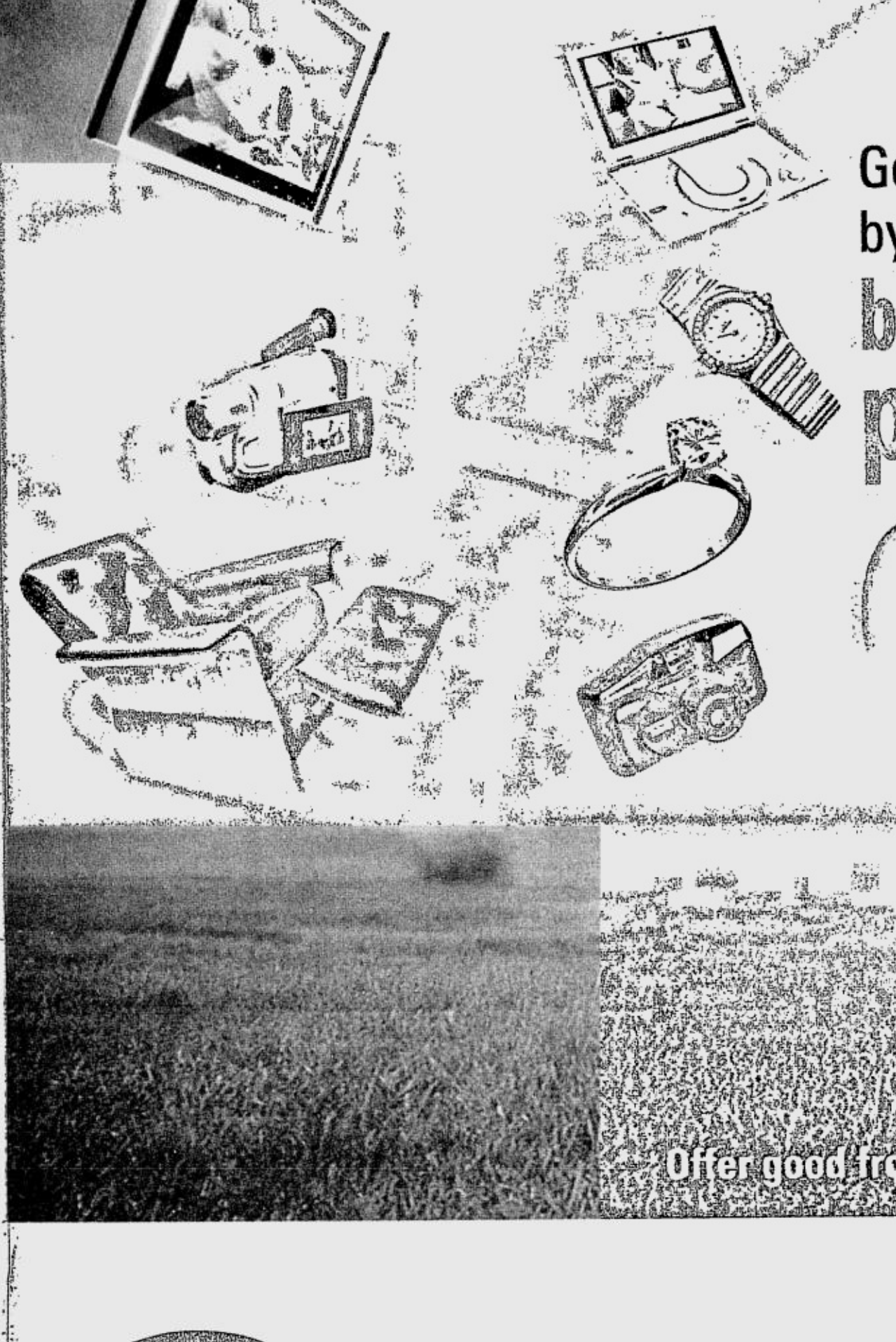

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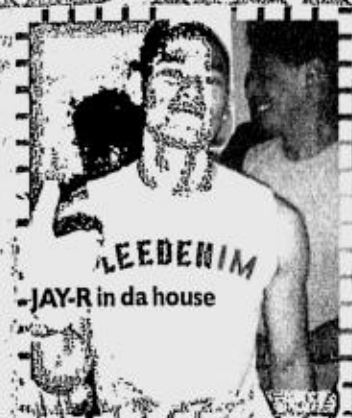
WHITE hot Phoe [illegible] Balanda


JAY-R in da house

COURTESY TWO, A [illegible] Curtis and Richar [illegible] Gutierrez

BEDMATES. Best friends Manolo and Jaya

FASHION FILES. Dos Quong and Charmaine Palermo

Super! X-posed

hot, hot, hot!

PHOTOS BY TIM YAP

What: Super! X-posed

TEMPERATURES soared off the scale on a steamy Thursday night with two hot, hot events. First off on the heat list was Super's after-party of the much-awaited Cosmo bachelor's bash, where the city's most delectable males graced the stylish halls of Azzuro – much to the delight of females out to feast on eye candy. Later in the night, it was time for Bed, where the dames and divas dirty-danced 'til dawn. As always, bare chests and glistening skin was signature Bed behavior. A steamy scene stealer was definitely the sight of two men sucking face in front of the Super! poster of two girls kissing. That was but a sampler of some Bed-time habits. Don't ever forget what your "Papa" told you... drink your milk!

SUGA BABES. Kimi Johnson and Gia Apelo

TRENDY TRIO. Anne Matoto, Jean Rodriguez and Tessa Dragon

FEARLESS female Cosmo ed Myrza Sison

CEBU MEETS MANILA. Gl [illegible] Soco and Liz Almario

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COBY Moren spotte at Azzuro

BED FOLK. Great Ancheta and Baggy Panaligan

A-LISTERS Ria Francisco and Carmen Delgado

MODEL of the moment Brent Javier

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DAY 6

Tim Yap

Super! was born on the last day of May 2003 to put spice into your regular Saturday Special habit. Seven columnists, 10 regular contributors and thousands of readers later, we realize there is a worthier cause than just plain partying. And that is to get all you out there (yes, that's you) to read us.

"You are invited," as our Super! slogan exclaims.

Then again, what better way to get people to want our words, follow our phrases and savor our sentences than to go to the places where you hang, chill, lounge and do whatever it is you feel like doing. Thus, you will now find Super! in your favorite hotspots.

Super! is a place where uptown meets downtown, where celebrities hobnob with unknowns, where high art converges with underground culture.

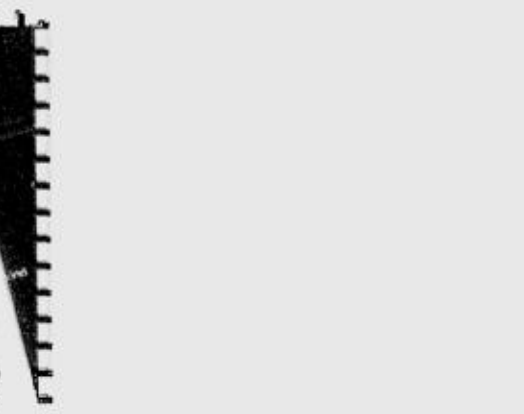
To launch our omnipresence, we hooked up with our brothers at Big Fish, who, with the help of Addict (aren't we all?), Wrangler (for those of us who want to get into someone else's pants), and Cuervo (lick it, baby!), brought in top, top globalicious **DJ Danny Howells** to Cats at the New World Renaissance Hotel.

The night began with body-painted performance artists and stilt-walkers in young artist **Kiko Escora** limited edition straitjackets giving out Super! to the happening crowd—a mix of savvy scenesters from artists, fashionistas, avant-guardians, icons to outcasts—people you find within the pages of Super!

Mike Beatbox displayed his lung power via varying degrees of trip hop, pop, house, classic and rock tunes—all done a capella! (Yup, he's one of the Akafellas, one of the fastest rising all male vocal chords in town) From there, scene favorite **DJ Tuck Cheah** took over, providing the perfect aphrodisiac appetizer for the musical rollercoaster that was **Danny Howells**! The night pumped with energy, oozed with flair and soared to supreme levels of intensity.

In one word—Super!

IT GIRLS GALORE. Geni Psinakis, Celine Lopez and Carmen Delgado



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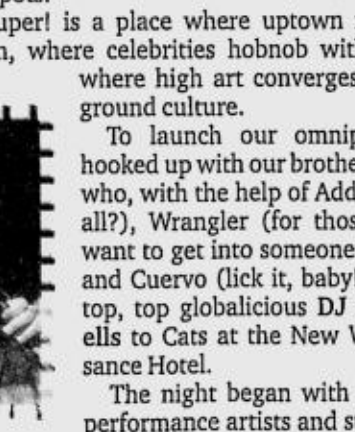

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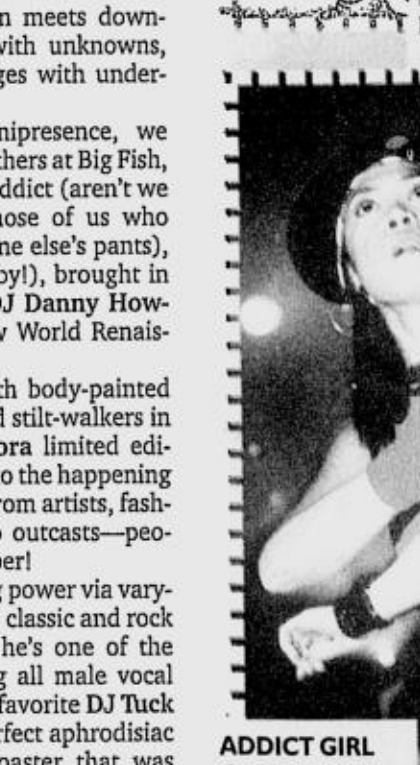

VOICE OF OUR GENERATION. Super! You are invited

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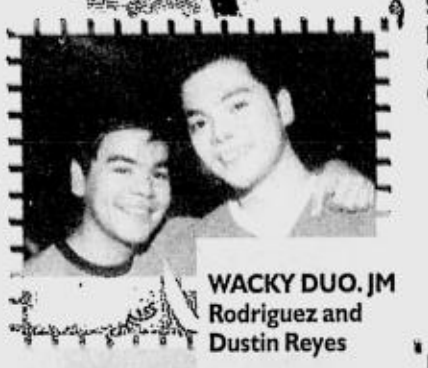

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ADDICT GIRL dancing to her own beat

GROOVE IS IN THE BLOOD. Mike Beatbox with Super! contributing ed Pam Pastor

JEANS AND MAKEUP. Wrangler's Em Lingao and Tina Tinio of Shu Uemura

BIG FISH IN A BIG POND. Domini and Joanne Primero, DJ Danny Howells, Pixie and Tuck Cheah

TINA TASTES ... Brian Banta with Super! columnist Tina Pamintuan

CUERVO TRIO. Maite Matute, Michelle Pantoja and Marco Lobregat

SUPER! FRIENDS AT DREAMBAR 6750. Jenni Epperson, Pam Pastor, Tim Yap and Kimi Johnson.

AND ON THE seventh day, we partied some more!

MUSIC AND SHOPPING. DJ Manolet Dario and styling queen and personal shopper Jenni Epperson

NOCTURNAL GROOVE. Move to the rhythm of your soul with percussionist Fritz Barth

DAY 7

Super! Continued... La vida loca!

NATURAL BORN KLUBBERS. Super! columnist Tals Diaz and Teddy Dario

SERVICE DE LUXE. Diether Ocampo is Super!'s resident newsboy

DREAM MATES. Pinky Webb and JM Rodriguez

SOUL sisters Juliet and Mimi Tan

DREAM COUPLE. Kimi and Santi groovin' to DJ Mano's beat

MS D spotted at Dreambar

Where: Dream Bar @ 6750

ON the seventh day of the Super! celebrations, we hopped off to Dream Bar 6750 to shake heads with our favorite DJ Manolet Dario, jam with percussionist Fritz Barth and even have Diether Ocampo as our Super!

newspaper boy.

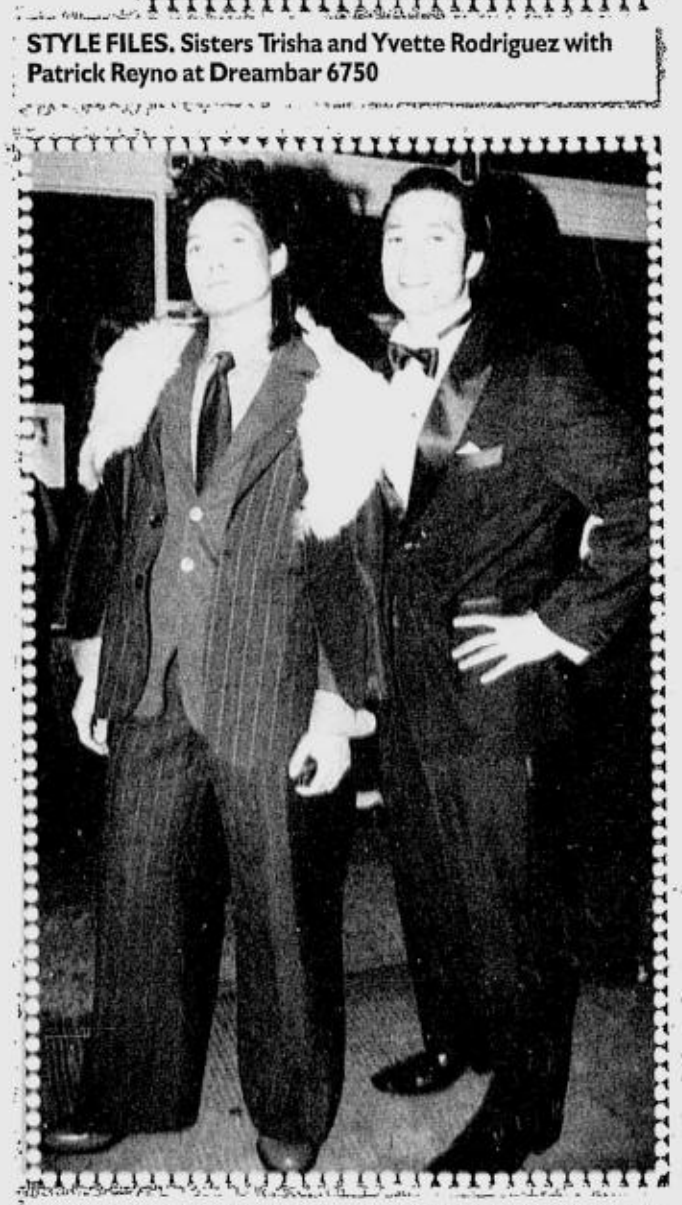
The Tatler after-party crowd hobnobbed with the Super! scenesters, resulting in a funky fusion of posh and spice, of glitz and ghetto. These are high times indeed.

And if you think that at the end of seven days we rested, think again.

The Super! partying has just begun.

DIET CARBON. Raul Francisco, Joanna Preysler and Diether Ocampo

STYLE FILES. Sisters Trisha and Yvette Rodriguez with Patrick Reyno at Dreambar 6750



ZOOLANDER TIME. Tim Yap in a Viktor and Rolf inspired creation by Rajo Laurel. Here with Diether Ocampo

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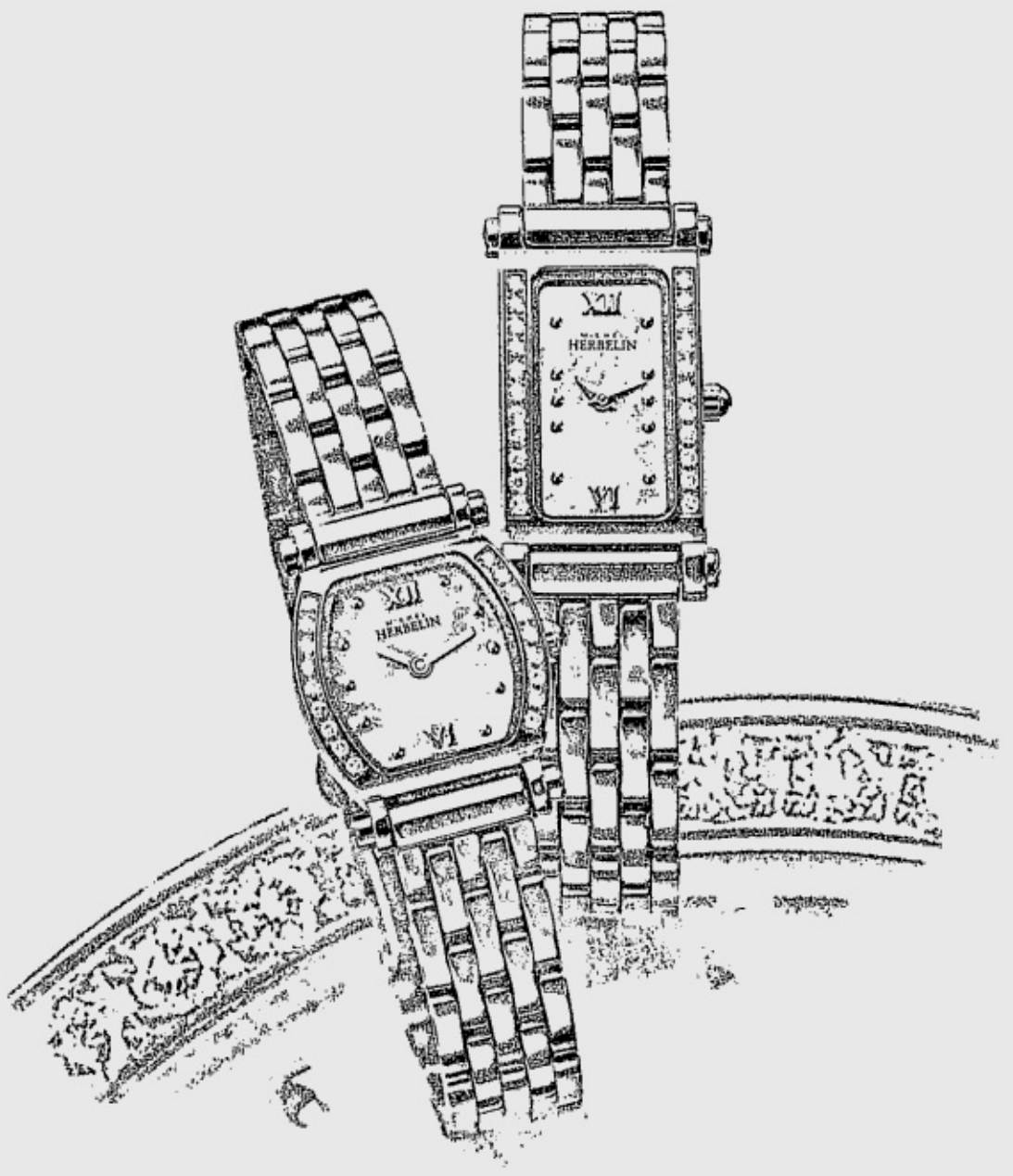

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SPOTTING Jerry. The star of Meteor Garden strikes a pose for the Pinoy fans.

Latest news from Jerryland

THE CLOSEST fans can get to the Taiwanese heartthrob.

EVEN big fans get tongue-tied. Richard, Lucy, Juliana and now, Jerry are part of the Bench family ... forever

The most desirable F1 is currently being rumored as married, without kids

IMAGINE paying a full month's salary to get baked under the sun, soaked in the rain, stampeded over by a crowd, seated in the bleachers—and not even see Jerry Yan.

Unspeakable.

Jerry Yan, of course, is arguably the most wildly desired worldwide among the four Asian hunks that comprise the celebrated Taiwanese boy band F4. Or Flower 4, whatever that means. And so when only co-band members Vaness Wu and Ken Zhu arrived in Manila recently for a live concert, together with "Meteor Garden" co-star Barbie Xu, more than a few diehard fans were disappointed.

Jerry's good looks appeal strongly to Filipinos. Much like Piolo Pascual, Jerry has maintained a fairly clean-cut image with just a touch of boyish mischief—"*maginoo pero medyo bastos*," if you will.

The character he plays in "Meteor Garden" certainly reinforces this image. Dao Ming Si is a spoiled rich kid with a violent temper. The only one who stands up to him is his love interest San Cai, his opposite in terms of upbringing and lifestyle. This classic yin-yang tale has thousands riveted to their TV set every afternoon.

Spinach or siomai?

In real life though, Jerry Yan—Cheng Xu in his native tongue—is a lot nicer than Dao Ming Si. Born in Taiwan, this 26-year-old stunner (he makes no effort to hide his real age) has a streak of the child in him.

His superheroes are Spiderman and Popeye. Does he like spinach? Perhaps. But his ultimate comfort food is beef noodles with *siomai*. This will surely endear him to dimsum fanatics. We fearlessly predict sales increases in Chow King, Hen Lin, Joe Kuan and the like.

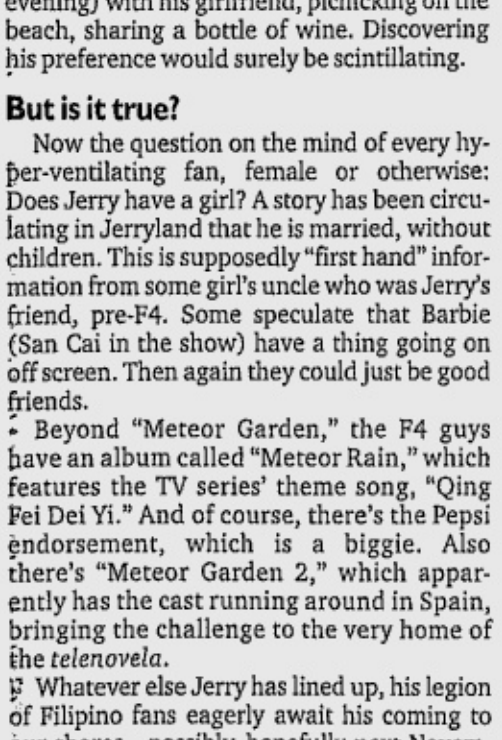
But this doesn't mean Jerry doesn't appreciate the finer, more sophisticated things in life. His dream date is an afternoon (or evening) with his girlfriend, picnicking on the beach, sharing a bottle of wine. Discovering his preference would surely be scintillating.

But is it true?

Now the question on the mind of every hyper-ventilating fan, female or otherwise: Does Jerry have a girl? A story has been circulating in Jerryland that he is married, without children. This is supposedly "first hand" information from some girl's uncle who was Jerry's friend, pre-F4. Some speculate that Barbie (San Cai in the show) have a thing going on off screen. Then again they could just be good friends.

Beyond "Meteor Garden," the F4 guys have an album called "Meteor Rain," which features the TV series' theme song, "Qing Fei Dei Yi." And of course, there's the Pepsi endorsement, which is a biggie. Also there's "Meteor Garden 2," which apparently has the cast running around in Spain, bringing the challenge to the very home of the *telenovela*.

Whatever else Jerry has lined up, his legion of Filipino fans eagerly await his coming to our shores—possibly, hopefully next November. As the newest endorser for Bench, Jerry has agreed to visit, solo, to launch the campaign. Until then, look around and check people around you who may have started holding their breath.



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Off the charts

Age against the machine

Gino de la Paz

I RECALL getting cross-eyed when I first stumbled across the Hot 100, Billboard magazine's roll of hit singles at age 13. The sight of Hot Shot Debuts and Greatest Gainers soothed the nerve-stretching experience of second-period Algebra. So during recess, I'd crack open a copy of Billboard and turbo-select songs for mixtapes that I imagined I'd play when I turned 16, or when I was old enough to consume enough booze to relax China. Now that it's boomeranged, I even remember throwing my hands in the air when the first U2 CD I bought, "Achtung Baby," made it to No. 1.

What unbent me the most, though, was locking in to countdowns on the radio. "The American Top 40"—first hosted by Casey Kasem, then by Shadow Stevens—was the chart show that eased my no-nonsense countdown fix. To neutralize the de facto cheesiness of that show's long-distance dedications, I turned to Rick Dees and his "Weekly Top 40." Lastly, for a whiff of Eurotrash, I listened to "UK Chart Attack" with Graham Dean, via which my virgin eardrums heard awesome acts like Blur, Massive Attack, and Dubstar.

At that point in my life, music represented the essence of discovery. The revelation of each No. 1 was a killer combo of showmanship and pure magic. Unfortunately, the integrity of chart shows took a nosedive when the information age placed music in an all-you-can-eat context.

Top of the flops

Instead of surveying more important things—for instance, whether a song licks balls or not—the UK's oldest chart show, "Top of the Pops," merely tracks how many copies of a single are sold. With this focus on commercial success rather than artistic merit, the current pop climate in Britain is thick with the smell of rubbish from the likes of the outrageously inferior Cheeky Girls. TOTP ex-big boss Chris Cowey told the Financial Times newspaper: "Most top 10 singles are there because their record companies have used clever marketing practices, not because they are popular." I guess it all boils down to a question of taste and, perhaps, sanity. But for a nation that produced the Beatles, this is easily their grayest, lamest period ever.

Chart matters across the pond are similarly bleak and disappointing. In the United States, music countdowns have turned into lean cuisine servings of played-to-death songs on FM radio. Riding a crest similar to fashion's tacky "must-have" mentality, "American Idol" Kelly Clarkson shot to *numero uno* with "A Moment Like This" around this time last year. There was nothing mysterious or surprising about it. Remember, this is the show that revived a certain flatliner named Paula Abdul.

> Top-hit lists are no longer big news because cool kids can smell a lie like spoiled pizza in a car

Charts aren't big news anymore because cool kids can smell a lie like a fart in a car. The parade of sellouts has gotten so out of control that everyone, including Hillary Duff, tries to out-bling the rest of the world. Who cares about "ice on the wrist" or "poppin' the Cris" when all the regimented posturing is aimed at pushing a song to the pole position? Since we move in option-laden times, a run-down of other people's picks is like a Barry Manilow cassette: painfully primitive.

Like all discerning music lovers, I eventually became non-responsive to Billboard and found myself downloading songs by bands that didn't even figure in the charts. Radio was still a source, but I traded in those countdown shows for programs that served up stuff that was a bit more underground.

Out of the box

Just like my Helmut Lang khakis, I have a ready-for-anything attitude. However, I had my doubts when I heard Carson Daly was hosting his own alternative rock show. I discovered "Out of the Box with Carson Daly" one Sunday night when our university station was playing really bizarre music from Mali. I craved something normal, so I switched to CJ92, Calgary's only rock station. I nearly went mental when I heard Carson Daly, Christina Aguillera's alleged ex, introduce oddball bands like Roots Manuva, Ladytron, and Yeah Yeah Yeahs. What was happening over there? Intrigued, I jotted down all the tracks he played that night and jumped right onto Kazaa; I instantly compiled the best house party CD in years.

Down south in California, Santa Monica's KCRW is also a goldmine for obscure aural treats. Long known as a tastemaker, this radio station forges ahead with its unusual playlist. For instance, the angular rhythms of Amon Tobin are played alongside a fleshy Felix Da Housecat remix. Tuning in at different times of the day yields sounds from a wide spectrum, from Handsome Boy Modelling School to Jovanotti. KCRW is like a jukebox of really awesome alien music you'd only hear in really awesome alien stores like Surface to Air in Paris. I was hooked.

I slouched towards pseudo-bohemia as I slipped out of my teens. With a more candid outlook and a much broader taste in music, I no longer felt the need to rely on hits or charts. I've found other songs to remember my youth by and put in my time capsule.

Traveling and keeping my ear glued to the sound of the street, I stumbled upon Mexican electronica by Plastilina Mosh, and British strum and bass by Amanda Ghost. Through friends whose tastes I respected and admired, I was introduced to singer-songwriters I never thought I'd appreciate—Sarah Slean, Van Morrison, even John Denver. It's those moments that evoke those special time when EBTG's "Walking Wounded" shot right through my teenage heart. I used to think countdowns were the end-all and be-all of music. Now I know the real smash hits are found off the charts, where everything always sounds fresh, new, and sweet.

Copycat fight

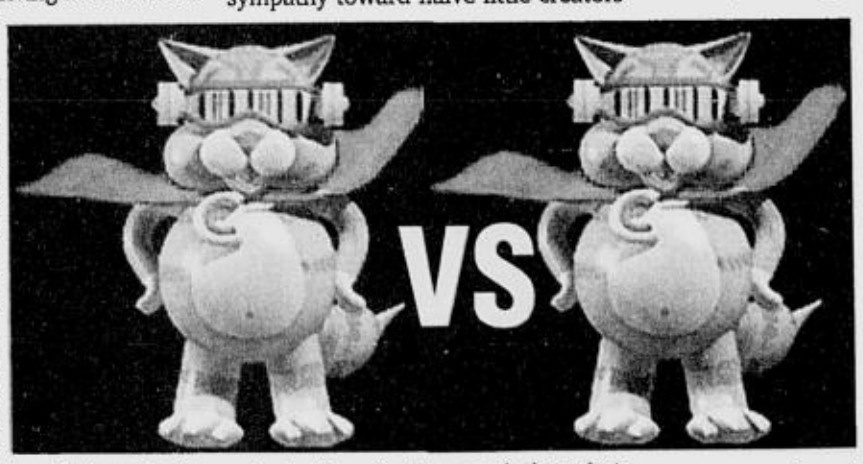
OUT THE WINDOW

Tals Diaz

TO MAKE extra cash, I work 9 to 6 p.m. weekends as a "tiang-girl." That is, I sell my handmade, personally designed beaded accessories in bazaars around the city.

It all started about two years ago, when I channeled a fashion-forward Leo da Vinci merged with some Todd Oldham pragmatic flair, and invented a certain beach accessory that wasn't in the market yet. I actually never meant to sell it; it was born out of a sheer utilitarian and aesthetic necessity to jazz up my own beachwear.

I sported my original creation from Singapore to Sydney, where I got more than a few passing thumbs-ups from people who wondered, "Why didn't anyone think of that before?" Pretty soon, it had evolved into a mini "racket." I started making more of the same for friends and their friends, and it snowballed into a load of orders which translated in to a thriving little business that I have since called Beadnik.



Then one Saturday morning in a bazaar a few weeks back, hung over from the previous night's drinking spree, I got the jolt of my life when I saw, to my utter horror—another girl selling knock-offs of my original creation. The similarities were too obvious to ignore. I had actually seen the chick (whom I call The Cookie Cutter Monster, she who cuts from my dough) and her partner around in the bazaar circuit before. They even befriended me by buying some of my products; I had no idea that this was their backhanded way of ripping me off.

What ate me up more than the fact that they were eating into my profits was my tormented deeper sensibilities and sense of values. There I was, face to face with the worms of crass capitalism, parasites that fed on other people's original ideas. Sure they say, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," but no one ever told me that flattery felt like muriatic acid being dripped onto the aortic valve.

I had fantasies of smashing her face in, but I managed to rein in my anger . . . for about two hours. My fury boiled over when I noticed she was unabashedly copying even the way I displayed my wares! So, I decided to confront the chick and ever so calmly and eloquently asked, *"Hoy, ba't ang gaya-gaya mo?"* She dodged my straightforward question, and hit me with: "Have you never heard of free enterprise?"

Ah yes . . . the battlecry of Capitalism. In a free market, there exists little sympathy toward naive little creators who believe in the good that their product can do for the world (in my case, the fashion accessory world). In this realm, there is room for everybody with half a mind and a full layer of thick skin. I felt foolish for expostulating on the metaphysical doctrine of true art, the pleasure of creation, the ethics of business, and the fact that her belt did not match her shoes. It was futile. She was right. That's the way the gold coin clinks in the competitive, free world. Damn you, Adam Smith!

The cult

That's when I realized I had to face up to the Cult of the Copycat that pervades all competitive arenas: the "*gaya-gaya*" mentality that plagues the Pinoy entrepreneur's horizon. All of a sudden I felt a comradeship with the dude who first put up his own lucrative *shawarma* business only to contend with a horde of other people in his neighborhood blatantly flanking his beef flanks. Then there's the ubiquitous pearl shake, now available at every street corner from stalls that bear names so uncannily similar to the original, that consumers have forgotten which came first.

Even in the local entertainment scene, the Xerox psyche rules. When "Dawson's Creek" was at its peak, sure enough followed "Tabing Ilog." "Sesame Street" once morphed into the knockoff "Sesame," and "Sex and the City" found a local counterpart in "Atta Girl." When "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" proved to be a profitable, highly entertaining venture, facsimiles of the formula mushroomed on primetime television. It's not just irritating, it's utterly embarrassing, this lifetime subscription to the impostor mentality. Has originality become obsolete?

Metis vs. mediocrity

In the book "BoBos (Bourgeois Bohemians) in Paradise" by David Brooks, "Metis" is defined as a person's capability to develop creative skills in response to a changing environment and various market forces (i.e., wormy competitors). Where the mettle of Metis comes to play, the true challenge then lies in never ceasing to be a disciple of the Idea, a believer in Originality. The subject memo is simply, keep on creating. The world is moved by Big Ideas. If true innovators simply grew cynical and let this world be run by throngs of Cookie Cutter Monsters, we'd be stuck with endless reruns of "Baywatch Hawaii."

I guess this means I just have to come up with something else, something new and useful, like eyedrops that cure hangovers, umbrellas that fold up like a credit card, or shoes with retractable heels. I'll be praying to the Spirit of Creation, repeating the mantra that the xerox copy is never as good as the original thing.

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Smash your closet, come out and play

By Jay Santos

COME out and play, wherever you are.

Were you ever made to do pushups in college ROTC because you couldn't stop giggling? Have you ever imagined painting your entire room aubergine? Did you imagine Marc Nelson doing the paint job wearing nothing but a thong?

Do you have a poodle named Celia or Rita or Elvira? Have you ever bought flowers for yourself for no apparent reason? Do you have a love-hate relationship with your hair? Has it ever crossed your mind that Madonna should be canonized?

If you answered yes to even just one of these, sweetie get a clue.

You are gay.

Gay. Queer. Fag. Bent. Poof. Bakla. Bading. Fudge-packer. Knob-shiner. Say it. You know you are. No matter how hard you try to hide it, no matter how many times you pick beige instead of magenta. Or party in Libis instead of Malate. Or listen to rap instead of Broadway musicals. Or sleep with girls instead of guys (you know you'll just throw up after). Ready to quit all that charade and face the music? It's time to come out and play.

> So you can't put a lid on it any longer? Wait till you answer these four questions.

So why come out of the proverbial closet? Straight people will just never understand why gay guys gotta say it, declare it, show it and if necessary, shove it in people's faces. Straight people will never get it because they never have to come out. It's a straight world. Try asking them, what if the whole world were inhabited by disco-dancing, same-sex-kissing nellies. Wouldn't they feel the need to say I hate Gloria Gaynor, I don't want my moustache rubbing against another guy's, and I ain't no friend of Dorothy's?

Why come out? Sweetie, the answer's staring you in the face:

So there can be a radio that plays Barbra and Liza and Cher all the live-long day.

So you can be exempted from military training because you don't feel too butch today.

So you can have as many pictures of guys in shorts as you want plastered on your wall.

So you can kiss your boyfriend on the street without people hurling sharp metal objects at you.

So you can have what everyone in a perfect world should have.

Freedom.

I'm telling you, our forefathers sure knew their shit when they made it clear in the Constitution that everyone—gay, straight, whatever—had a right to it.

You pretty much know yourself by now, right? You've got a Chihuahua named Bruiser, your online chat nickname is Elle Woods, and you've got so much pink in your wardrobe it looks like someone spilled Pepto-Bismol on your clothes. Again, let me say, you are gay. Big whoop. Being gay these days is as common as catching a cold. But before you start wearing Christina Aguilera pants and strutting your stuff, here are a few questions you might want to ask yourself.

1) Are you ready to acknowledge it?

First make sure you want to come out, loud and proud. Don't raise the issue with your friends and family unless you can respond to their shock with confidence a flash a smile brighter than a flight attendant's. Unpreparedness on your part will increase their own confusion and diminish their faith in your choice. If you're still wrestling with guilt and bouts of depression, you'd better postpone the press conference. Coming out requires a positive self image.

2) Do you have support?

In case you mistakenly come out to a bunch of religious right-wing fanatics who will automatically say you'll go straight to hell; or to friends in the army who will no doubt want to shoot you in the head, make sure you have friends and family you can run to for cover. Having a steady core group of gay friends and gay-friendly allies makes a world of difference.

3) Do you know your icons?

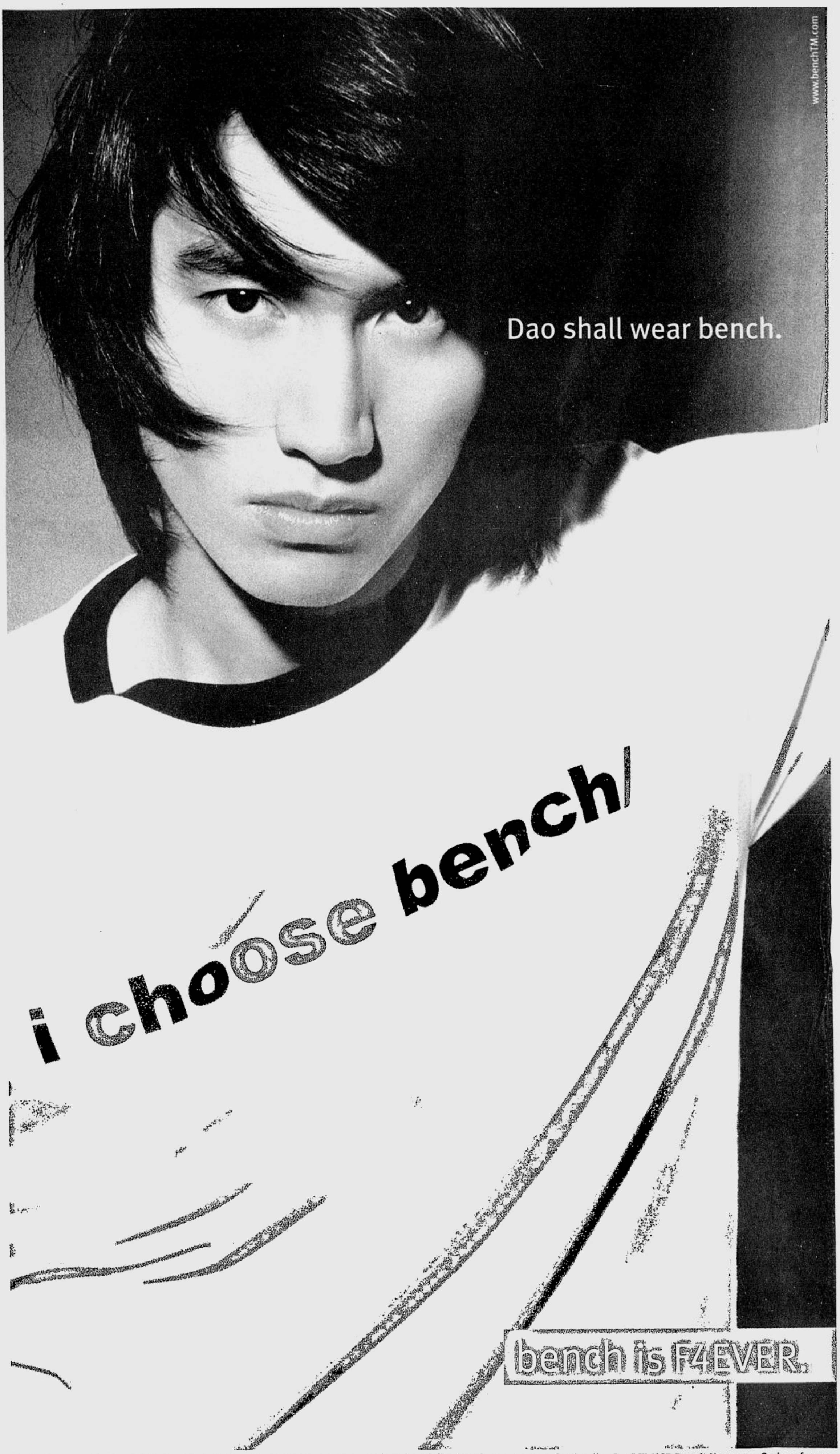
Be prepared to inhabit a world of the most colorful characters and let your flame burn bright. Know your gaydar. Know your gay icons. Watch your gay movies. Buy your tight tees. Work out in gay-friendly gyms. Know your gay and gay-friendly bars, clubs, and restos. Attend the Annual Gay Pride White Party in June. In short, now that you know yourself, arm yourself. Pore over your gay books. Know your gay rights and, for heaven's sake, stop browsing for gay porn for just a moment. Instead, get online and read up on arguments against homosexuality. Be ready for questions on morality, religion and all that tedious stuff you meant to forget when you left your all-boy school. Remember, Catholics run this country. No, they still won't allow gay marriages. Yes, they still condemn us. And yes, they still live in the Dark Ages.

4) Do you like soap?

Not everyone will be as accepting as your hairstylist. Even if your parents already know—and believe me, sweetie, they do—they may still go into denial. Parents will always feel guilty. Mothers, especially, will invariably think back to when you were five and she gave you a bad perm and dressed you up like Annie. They will blame themselves. Don't discount possible face-slapping and hair-pulling. Melodrama is big with Filipino parents, especially those who watch too many *telenovelas* and cheesy local movies. The younger people around you are bound to be more open-minded. In any case, everyone will learn to accept you over time. If they don't, this just means their hearts and minds are filled with too much hate and there's no room for a fabulous gay son or friend. Their loss. Just be strong and never flinch. Never compromise. Your mantra should be: "I'm gay. Get over it."

Now comes the fun part. It's time to play--the gay way. Throw a fierce coming out party. Gather all your wacky gay and gay-friendly friends, stock your cd changer with disco and house music, throw in some shirtless waiters to serve cabernet and merlot, hang a banner that says, "It's in to be out", and be the gay community's poster boy for day.

It'll be fabulous. Welcome to your family.



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RISE and shine, it's past cocktail time! some advice for the intrepid inebriate

Tips for the tipsy

THIS week's question:

Dear Man about town,

My constant going out and drinking are depleting my funds. Is there any way I can still get smashed without having to spend so much?

Human existence and cosmology have provided us with infinite levels on which to question the universe, furthering our evolution as a species by forcing us to pursue intelligent inquiry. Your question has set the human race back several stages. Thanks to your delirium, I am now a monkey. But as I am being paid to humor as many of the likes of you as I can stomach per week ...

There are several ways by which wallet width can be preserved. The more practical methods are also the least fun, and the most impractical ones require a sense of creativity and a modicum of intelligence usually not possessed by people trying to get sloshed on alcohol on a regular basis. I do agree that saving money is a good thing, and my one consolation for answering you is that you are saving cash to pay for the future education of your offspring who may one day redeem their parent's folly.

The best way to hold on to your cash is to not spend it at all. Abstain from alcohol, stay home, watch TV, pray the rosary, amuse yourself in the bathroom mirror. But as getting "smashed" is one of the lofty goals you have set for yourself, the second best way is to spend someone else's money. This is amazingly simple if you are an attractive female alone in a bar. On any given night in many bars, there will be hordes of lonely men willing to buy a single girl whatever tooty-fruity cocktail is in fashion. Even semi-attractive women stand a chance of scoring a freebie if they play their cards right. As for men, your best bet would be to frequent those bars and clubs that other men frequent, open the top two buttons of that '70s-inspired shirt, and quote Oscar Wilde aloud while swaying to a Cher remix. Of course, we've all been taught never to accept candy from strangers, so do so at your own risk. You may be getting more than Bailey's in your Blow Job.

Another proven method for the penurious alcoholic is to drink before going out. Alcoholic beverages are infinitely cheaper when purchased from convenience stores or supermarkets. So throw yourself and your other economically challenged peers a pre-party party. Have a beer in the bathroom, consume rum in the kitchen, shoot tequila in the garage, vomit in the guest room. Five friends of mine in Florida managed to push the house party price even further below the usual budget by distilling their own alcohol in a bathtub. This experiment ended badly, with two of them developing monstrous hemorrhoids and another spontaneously combusting into flames. Unless you know exactly what you're doing, or unless your digestive tract is made of steel, I would not suggest this alternative. All your savings would go to hospital bills.

Another way to be thrifty and tipsy is to go to more affordable joints and order more affordable drinks. While the metropolitan scenes do seem to demand everyone's attention, there are other places to go for the intrepid inebriate. Metro Manila is a lush garden of beer houses and open-air karaoke lounges that serve P20/beer and generic gin. The atmosphere in these places, while initially intimidating, soon dissolves into general camaraderie and a solidarity based on bad breath, terrible singing and common faith in San Miguel, patron saint of lost causes. Leave your ice picks behind and enjoy renditions of "It Must Have Been Love (But It's Over Now)" like you've never heard them before. But never, under any circumstance, provoke or involve yourself in a fight at any of these joints. I guarantee you will end up as a blurb on page two of Abante.

But let's assume you have to go to an expensive place tonight, for an office party, or your classmate's *despedida*, or because you heard Jericho Rosales was going to be there. Let's assume further that you don't have what it takes to warrant a free drink courtesy of the bar patrons, much less Jericho Rosales. The best way to produce an alcoholic buzz and maintain a manageable spending strategy is to order a Red Horse, pour it into a mug, and stir in a shot of some ludicrously strong liquor. Red Horse tequila, Red Horse vodka, Red Horse gin, whatever. Be creative and let that Red Horse run free and unfettered through your veins. Most of these concoctions seem to be fertilizer-flavored. Then again, I guarantee that after one round, most everything will taste like manure for the next few hours. For extremists who don't mind looking a bit silly, enjoy your Red Horse Depth Charge through a straw—capillary action increases alcoholic potency.

The last resort to saving money and still being able to act like an idiot, is to feign inebriation. So you're down to your last peso with just enough to pay for parking, and you're not drunk enough to start dancing on the table? What do you do? Pretend you're already drunk! Dance, as if Jose Cuervo is the deejay for the night, hit on Jericho Rosales and pretend it's Johnny Walker's fault. Remember, no one knows how much alcohol you've ingested except you. In everyone else's eyes, you've reached that higher plane of social stupidity that only another thousand bucks would buy—and they envy you!

Be aware that social conduct separates us from animals. If getting drunk at all costs (or, in this case, at no cost) is your pleasure, also remember that it is equally a privilege and responsibility. So enjoy your next drink, and hopefully I've saved you some cash. Try not to drive if you've been testing my suggestions—or at least not in the same vicinity as my person.

Man about town

Ask me!

Super!'s resident advice expert tells us how to get smashed without going broke.

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HAVE a burning question you just need to ask? Wanna know where to get dimsum at 4AM? Where to fulfill your fetish for dog collars? What to do when the expat you chatted up on the net shows up on your front door? How to make a Screaming Orgasm? Ask Super's "Man about Town." Email super@inquirer.com.ph

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Mother Teresa beatified today

By Teresa R. Tunay
Contributor

ROME—Mother Teresa of Calcutta may yet hold the world record for being the first person to have been beatified a mere six years after her death.

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Bush hails RP as top ally of US

'No compromise with terror'

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Cynthia D. Balana

US PRESIDENT George W. Bush yesterday poured on the charm and rhapsodized on the country he called the United States' "oldest ally in Asia" and "one of America's most valued friends in the world."

He reminded Filipinos, "There is so much to be proud of in your beloved country."

In an address before a joint session of the Philippine Congress at the House of Representatives—the first by a US president since Dwight Eisenhower's in 1960—Bush reaffirmed his government's gratitude for the Philippines' "principled and courageous" stand in the global effort to fight terrorism and vowed to keep the two countries' alliance strong.

He also pledged support and training to help the Armed Forces of the Philippines combat terrorism. But while the speech was long on praise for the country and its leader, it was short on specifics regarding assistance and support.

The 19-minute speech was interrupted 20 times by applause from the assembled lawmakers, foreign dignitaries and guests, while on Commonwealth Avenue leading to the Batasang Pambansa, hundreds of riot police blocked thousands of protesters. *(Story on this page).*

Bush also proclaimed President Macapagal-Arroyo as the kind of democratic leader needed by the Philippines, and upheld her legitimacy against the "conspiracy of the few" who launched the failed July 27 mutiny in Makati City.

He said Ms Macapagal was one of the first leaders of the world who "recognized the need for action" against the perpetrators of the 9/11 terror attacks in the United States in 2001.

"The Philippines joined the United States in supporting and enforcing the serious consequences. You rose to the moment and the American people respect your courageous and principled stand," he said.

Bush and his wife Laura left the country last night. They waved good-bye at exactly 8:34 p.m. before disappearing into the main entrance of Air Force One. They were sent off by Philippine and US Ambassadors Alberto del Rosario and Francis Ricciardone.

The aircraft took off at around 8:40

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EDWIN BACASMAS

BUSH DAY: Charming and affable, US President George W. Bush arrives in Malacañang where he's warmly welcomed by President Macapagal. Even the predicted rains didn't come to dampen the festive air attending the visit of the state visitor.

Laura Bush, school kids swap stories, affections

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

"SHE WAS tall, she had blue eyes and she was beautiful," gushed a wide-eyed Anne Elizabeth B. Julian, a Grade 2 student of the Aurora Elementary School after she and over 30 children disarmed US First Lady Laura Welch Bush with their storytelling, songs and dances.

"I want to thank you for a wonderful performance," said Mrs. Bush after the 45-minute, heartwarming program at the Kalayaan Hall in the Palace grounds, which was so enthused and precise in its presentation.

Bush, formerly a public school teacher and librarian until her marriage to George W. Bush in 1977, read to the children "Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?" by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle. She later turned over the book to the program's host, Amor Cynthia Esteban.

Mrs. Bush is widely known for her love of children and her concern about their education. She set up a Ready to Read, Ready to Learn program that stresses children should have a book and an adult to read with before they even start school. She also began a National Book Festival in the United States.

She has a degree in education and a Master of Library Science.

In turn, the Aurora Quezon Elementary School students gave a stirring narrative of the "The Story of the Bamboo" which told of the sacrifice of one bamboo tree which allowed itself to be cut and split by a farmer for the benefit of an entire village.

The schoolchildren in Grades 1 and 2 from three public and two private elementary schools were obviously

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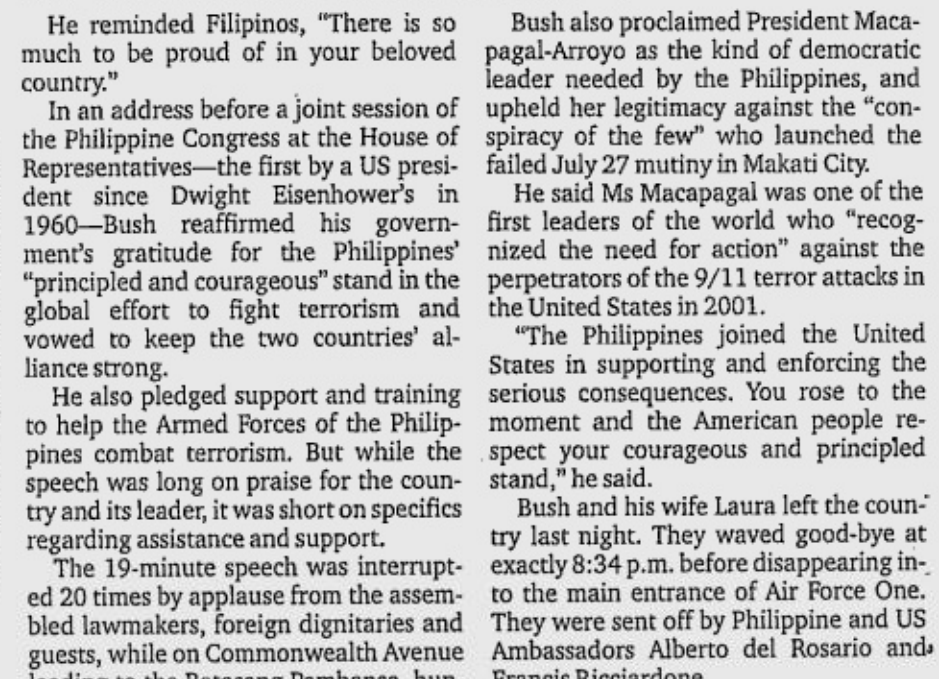

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TEACHER'S pets: Laura Bush, former teacher and librarian, wows elementary schoolchildren during her storytelling session at Kalayaan Hall in Malacañang.

Bush leaves even cops star-struck

EVEN the police who were supposed to watch out for any potential trouble during the visit of US President George W. Bush were star struck.

"Bush waved at me!" exclaimed one policeman who was on duty on Roxas Boulevard.

Hundreds of Filipinos and a number of tourists lined up at the north-bound lane of Roxas Boulevard to catch a glimpse of Bush. They waved small Philippine and American flags, which they bought from sidewalk vendors, as the convoy of Bush breezed through the boulevard that was cleared of vehicles six hours before.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Bush was in a tinted black limousine.

Many of the flag-waving welcomers were apparently bused by the government. They dutifully registered their names with their ward leaders right after Bush's convoy passed.

There were several American and Korean tourists who waited patiently for the convoy to pass because they wanted to catch a glimpse of Bush.

An American from California used his digital camera to take pictures of the

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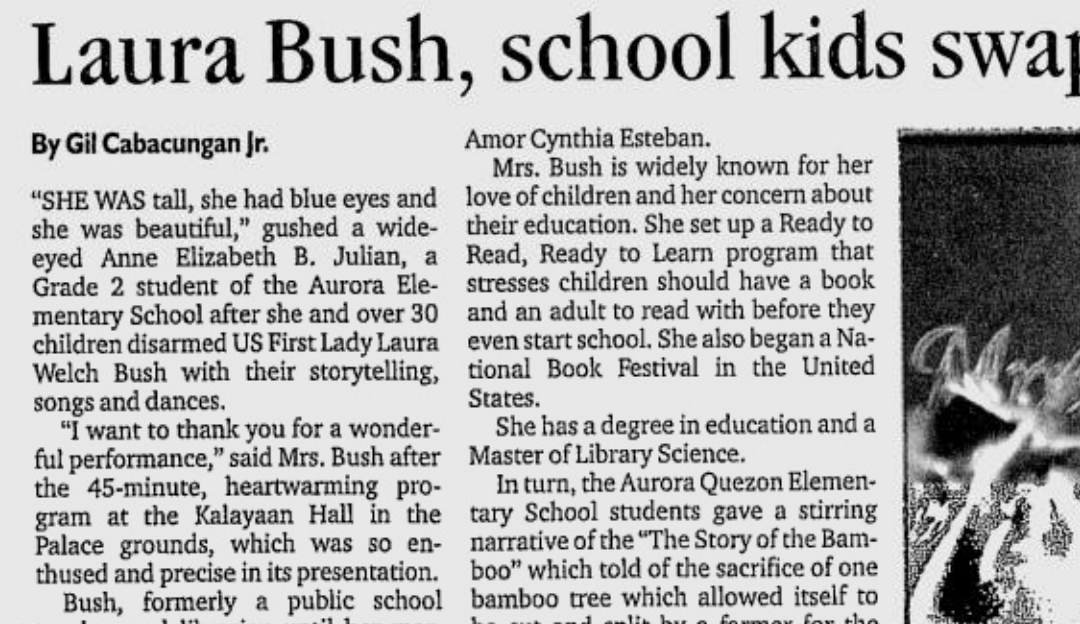

ROMY HORMILLADA

A FIERY welcome for the US visitors from militant groups who are restricted within the Ever Gotesco perimeter along Commonwealth Ave. *(More photos on page A20 and A22)*

Old Glory in flames in street protests

By Norman Bordadora and Tina Santos

MORE than 100 red, white and blue American flags went up in flames at noon yesterday as militants made good a threat to burn the Old Glory at the precise moment that US President George W. Bush stepped on Philippine soil.

"For the people of Iraq and for the other victims of US imperialism," shouted militant leaders as the flags burned in the noonday sun in front of a Commonwealth Ave. shopping mall a few kilometers away from the Batasang Pambansa complex where Bush was to address a joint session of Congress later.

Bush's Air Force One presidential plane touched down at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at about 12.23 p.m.

Several thousand demonstrators took to the streets of Metro Manila yesterday to protest Bush's eight-hour visit. They were joined by several thousand more in key cities across the country in what militants claimed was a nationwide mass protest of 48,000 participants demanding

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
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Laoag	Partly Cloudy	Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains
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Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

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Feliciano panel findings on mutiny bailed, slammed

By TJ Burgonio

THE FINDINGS of the Feliciano Commission that the July 27 Oakwood mutiny was a "well-planned power grab" and not "spontaneous" as claimed by the junior officers who led the failed rebellion yesterday drew cheers from military officials and jeers from the lawyers of the Magdalo group.

Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, Armed Forces vice chief of staff, said the commission's findings were not surprising, noting this only confirmed the military's theory that the rebellion was part of a bigger conspiracy to seize power.

"That's what we've been saying all along. It just confirmed what we had deeply known and said. This was not spontaneous but was a part of a planned activity to grab power," Garcia said.

But Harriet Demetriou, lead counsel for Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV and five other junior military officers tagged as the mutiny leaders, contested the commission's findings, hinting they were one-sided.

"The commission did not give the Magdalo officers the chance to test the truthfulness of the statements of the witnesses for the government since their lawyers were not even allowed to cross-examine them," Demetriou said in a phone interview.

Argee Guevarra, another lawyer of the Magdalo group, branded the verdict a "Malacañang report" rather than a "Felicom report."

"The tenor of the report was that it was not a Felicom report but a Malacañang report, abstracting much from the statements, pronouncements and prejudgments of Malacañang during and after the Oakwood incident," he said.

Demetriou also noted that the commission's findings did not prove the guilt of the mutineers. "The Feliciano Commission is not determinative of the guilt of the Magdalo officers. Only the court can do so," she said.

The commission, formed in August to conduct an inquiry into the mutiny, announced its findings on Friday, concluding that the Oakwood incident was part of a larger conspiracy to grab power from the administration and had the support of groups associated with ousted President Joseph Estrada and opposition Sen. Gregorio Honasan.

It cited the wide recruitment of personnel, the purchase of uniforms and other paraphernalia, the purchase of communications equipment, and the reservation at the Oakwood hotel made by one of the officers, among other evidence.

The commission, chaired by retired Supreme Court Justice Florentino Feliciano, however, warned that the military "would collapse" if the issues of corruption and politicization in the military were not addressed.

Garcia said the military should take note of the commission's "prescriptions" for reforms in the organization to avert future mutinies.

"We have firmed up a reform agenda to remove the problems raised by the soldiers. This includes a holistic package for the benefit of the soldiers and for the reformation of the system in the armed forces," he said.

Guevarra insisted the mutiny was spontaneous, saying, "It was an act of self-defense (on the part of the soldiers) to consolidate their ranks after the order of Malacañang (to hunt them down) was issued."

Security a breeze during Bush visit

By TJ Burgonio, Christian V. Esguerra and Gerald G. Lacuarta

SAVE for the protest rallies, the whole country, including Metro Manila, was peaceful in all the eight hours of United States President George W. Bush's visit, military officials said yesterday.

No incidence of violence—"no surprises"—was monitored or reported, Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, armed forces chief information officer, told newsmen. "Everything (worked) as expected ... since he arrived at 12:30 p.m."

Lucero credited this to proper planning and the implementation of elaborate safety measures drawn up by the local military and police in coordination with US security officials.

"The calm ... could also be attributed to Filipino hospitality. We respect and entertain visitors," he said, predicting that the favorable situation would continue until the Bushes' departure.

Likewise, Lucero added, military troops—"both covert and overt"—on ground deployment to beef up police forces in the "areas of engagement" remained in high spirits.

At the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and its perimeters, security was very tight, to say the least. Airport personnel backed by K-9 units—each composed of a bomb-sniffing dog and a handler—and heavily armed policemen took an average of two minutes to inspect every incoming vehicle. Even media vans were checked twice.

Historic Chino Roces Bridge in Mendiola was barricaded by hundreds of anti-riot police from the Western Police District carrying high-caliber firearms and backed by at least two firetrucks.

A MEMBER of President Bush's security detail brandishes a custom .308 sniper rifle effective at 1,000 yards, the better to deter anyone with any funny ideas, at the Naia yesterday. REUTERS

Elsewhere, the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces made good on their promise to keep protesters at a very safe distance from the American president.

At around 10:45 a.m., an estimated 3,000 protesters divided into three groups began marching to the Batasan Complex where Bush was scheduled to deliver a speech, but were intercepted by members of the PNP Civil Disturbance Management unit at Philcoa and Ever Commonwealth in Quezon City.

Another handful tried to stage lightning strikes at the heavily guarded US Embassy but were swiftly dispersed.

As Bush's arrival drew nearer, airport security became much tighter still.

On nearby Andrews Avenue, a group of 50 residents waited to see the VIP guest right in front of two huge billboards of Bush and President Macapagal-Arroyo, erected to cover the sight of shanties and the murky waters under the bridge. They would wait in vain.

At 11 a.m., a blue-and-white Boeing 747 identical to Air Force One landed at the Naia at 12:20 p.m. US agents and around two dozen suit-clad members of the Presidential Security Group (PSG) took positions around the plane as it taxied to the welcoming area in Villamor, parking around 170 feet from the press box.

A US Embassy staffer quickly told the media that the plane was carrying the advance party, and that Air Force One was due soon.

The wait ended 11 minutes later, when the real McCoy loomed on the horizon, further stirring the security personnel, media groups and welcoming officials.

The red carpet was unfurled. Photographers scrambled to get close but were blocked by the security men. From as far as Gate 5 of the air base, government employees and relatives of PAF men took out cameras, preparing to take snapshots of the VIP guests.

Bush spent only three minutes on the tarmac, after which he boarded a black limousine. The rest of his convoy consisted of some 30 bullet-proof SUVs carrying heavily armed American and Filipino security aides, around two dozen police motorcycles, five police cars and two ambulances.

Bush was taken straight to the US Embassy on Roxas Boulevard—earlier closed to traffic—for a brief stop, then to Rizal Park, where he laid a wreath at the Rizal monument.

Hundreds lined the decorated Roxas Boulevard, clapping and cheering as Bush's party zipped through. Overhead, two helicopters followed the convoy.

Leaving nothing to chance, the military had also deployed a total of 26 K-9 teams.

The teams had assembled at the parade grounds of Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City at around 7:30 a.m. and left aboard an army truck and a van an hour later for the Edsa Shrine.

Capt. Michael de la Cruz, commanding officer of the AFP K-9 Co., said the teams were instructed to conduct at least 30 minutes of "sweeping and paneling" for bombs and improvised explosive devices at the shrine and their other postings.

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Misuari guard killed, another wounded in Laguna shooting

By Marlon Ramos
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

STA. ROSA, Laguna—A member of the elite police Special Action Force (SAF) guarding detained Moro rebel leader Nur Misuari in Camp Sto. Domingo here was shot dead Thursday night by five armed men believed to be police "assets." One of the armed men was also killed, while another SAF member was wounded.

Laguna police director Senior Supt. Edwin Corvera identified the slain policeman as PO2 Reynato Cabalquinto. He said the wounded officer was PO1 Jimmy Barraquio who suffered gunshot wounds in the leg and thigh. The dead armed man was identified as Domingo Mandala, alias Tukmol, the suspect in the killing of another SAF officer earlier last week.

All the policemen were assigned to SAF provincial headquarters at Camp Sto. Domingo, where Misuari is being detained pending a trial on rebellion charges.

Corvera said Cabalquinto and Barraquio were in Barangay Kaingin here to investigate the death of fellow SAF member PO1 Randolf Magallanes, who was shot dead allegedly by Mandala in nearby Cabuyao town last Tuesday after a traffic altercation.

Police said that as the two were questioning residents in the village, they were confronted by a group of armed men that included Mandala.

Mandala and the armed men were believed to be "assets" or informants of the Cabuyao police.

On seeing the lawmen, witnesses said Mandala shouted at them in Filipino: "Are you looking for me?" He then reportedly shot at the victims without warning.

Cabalquinto and Barraquio fired back but were overwhelmed by the volley of gunshots coming from Mandala and four other men. Mandala was hit, however, while the others escaped toward the town proper.

Cabalquinto died instantly while Mandala was declared dead on arrival at the Sta. Rosa Community Hospital where he was rushed. Barraquio was brought to the Biñan Doctors Hospital.

Police said they will look into reports the suspects were civilian police assets.

Residents near the Cabuyao police station described Mandala as a bully. They said he was at the station almost everyday and had worked for a certain SPO2 Glorioso.

Cabuyao police chief Supt. Cesario Valencia confirmed Mandala was the suspect in the killing of Magallanes after witnesses identified him as the gunman.

He said there was a warrant out for Mandala's arrest issued by Judge Alden Cervantes of the Cabuyao Municipal Trial Court.

Valencia said the SAF members should have contacted the Cabuyao police before beginning their operation.

"They should have coordinated with us," he said in a phone interview.

But he admitted that Mandala had worked for them as a civilian agent on anti-drug operations. This, however, was long before the shooting incidents happened, he said.

Tanay detention for Erap seen

By Volt Contreras

APPARENTLY bored after more than two years at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, ousted President Joseph Estrada now wants to give up urban living in exchange for fresh air and a rustic setting.

Estrada yesterday said he will ask the Sandiganbayan to allow him to stay for the duration of his trial at his vacation resort near the military camp in Tanay, Rizal to which he was transferred Thursday.

"*Makikiusap ako na doon na lang*, anyway *nakakulong din naman ako at wala pang gastos sa gobyerno* (I will ask to be allowed to stay there, anyway I will still be in detention and it will cost the government nothing)," he told the INQUIRER in a phone interview from Camp Capinpin, a two-hour drive from Metro Manila.

Estrada argued that he should be allowed to move since he had not yet been convicted.

On Friday, Chief Supt. Doroteo Reyes of the PNP Legal Services Division indicated that Estrada will be staying at Capinpin indefinitely for lack of a "better" holding facility.

Estrada owns a private resort right next to the camp along Marcos Highway in Barangay Sampaloc in Tanay. Locally known simply as "JE," the property's guarded gate is some 200 to 300 meters from the camp's main entrance.

The property, which Estrada acquired when he was San Juan mayor, has a swimming pool, covered basketball court and a "Mediterranean-style villa."

Estrada said he himself had no idea how long he will be held at Capinpin.

"I'm still under their mercy," he said, referring to his police custodians.

The 66-year-old ousted leader on trial since 2001 for plunder revealed his desire to stay at his resort near the camp one day after a senior government lawyer aired suspicions this was what Estrada wanted all along when his lawyers did not object to his hasty transfer to the army camp.

"He might end up in the vacation house... practically moving around like a free man," Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio said in an interview Friday.

Prosecutors are contesting the decision of the Philippine National Police to move Estrada from the Veterans Memorial Medical Center.

The PNP had justified the transfer, citing an alleged destabilization plot, including a plan to spring Estrada and embarrass the government during the state visit of US President George W. Bush.

Estrada is being held in a bungalow surrounded by barbed wire inside the camp.

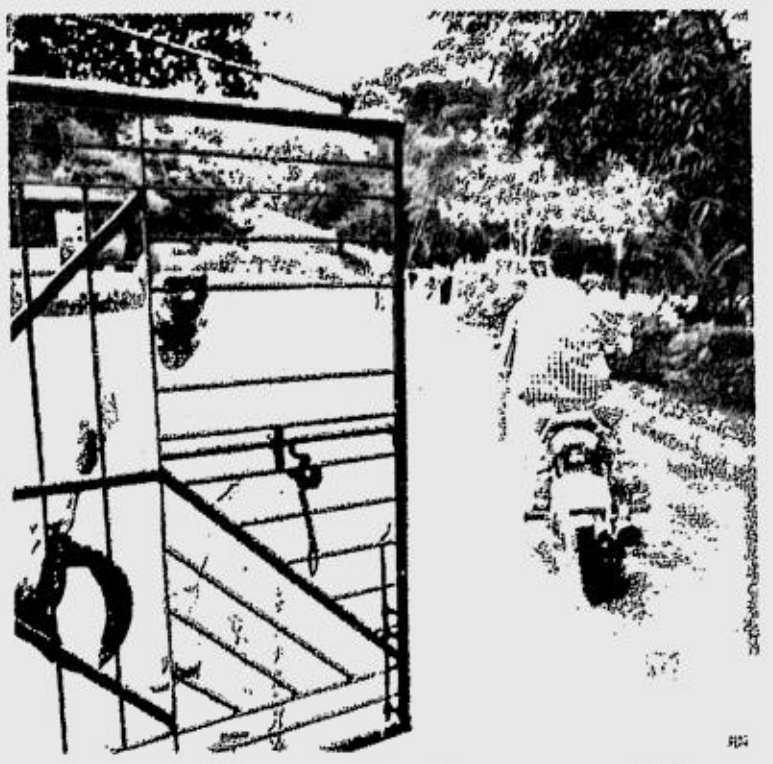
But he has since started moving his personal belongings from the VMMC. "Just the basic necessities," he said.

Upon the request of the prosecution, Sandiganbayan justices will inspect tomorrow morning Estrada's new detention quarters to weigh the "pros and cons" of holding him there for long.

On his third day at the camp yesterday, Estrada had to content himself with a hazy TV reception of Bush's arrival.

"TV reception is quite bad over here," said the former leader, who still sent a "welcome" note to Bush.

"It is unfortunate that I cannot welcome you personally because of my present condition," he said in a prepared message addressed to Bush, which he read to the INQUIRER over the phone.



A CARETAKER mans the gate of Estrada's country resort in Tanay, to which the ex-president wants to be moved. JOAN BONDOC

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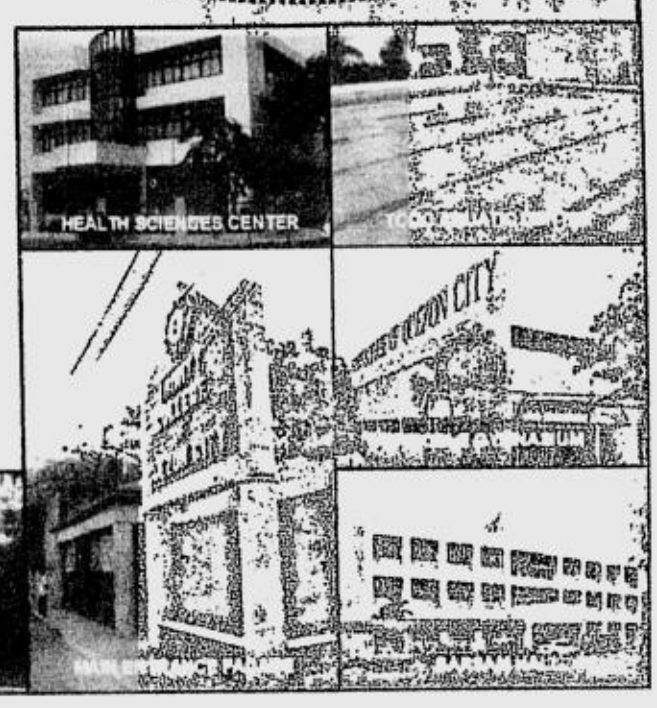

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US President George W. Bush returns a salute from Philippine Armed Forces deputy chief of staff Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina after laying a wreath at the Rizal monument on Saturday. Partly hidden is US First Lady Laura Bush. AP

AFP's No. 2 retires in style

By TJ Burgonio

TALK about leaving the military service in style.

Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina retired from the Armed Forces yesterday but did not spend the day packing his things at the military's general headquarters in Camp Aguinaldo.

Instead, Carolina, Armed Forces' deputy chief of staff, spent the day serving as a military escort for US President George W. Bush when he and First Lady Laura Bush laid wreaths at the monument of national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, in Manila.

Clad in a crisp uniform, Carolina was seen on national TV snappily saluting, shaking hands and animatedly conversing with the US President, virtually sharing the limelight with the "most powerful man" in the world.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and his wife, Evelina, were also present at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Rizal Park.

Carolina, a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy (Class '70), reached the mandatory retirement age of 56 yesterday.

Earlier in the day, his flag at the GHQ in Camp Aguinaldo was lowered as part of the departure honors for him. This was witnessed by Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, Armed Forces vice chief, and members of the Joint Staff.

Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, military information officer, said there was nothing wrong with Carolina donning the uniform and performing a military function, noting that his retirement took effect at Saturday midnight.

"He officially retires at 12 midnight," he told reporters.

Garcia, for his part, served as a military escort for Mr. Bush at the Batasang Pambansa complex in Fairview, Quezon City, where the US President addressed both houses of Congress.

Carolina was accorded a testimonial parade and review by AFP officials, led by Armed Forces chief Gen. Narciso Abaya, at the military headquarters in Quezon City on Thursday afternoon.

Abaya had hinted that Carolina would be given a government post, but declined to elaborate as he did not want to preempt an announcement by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Garcia has been designated as acting deputy chief of staff pending a permanent replacement for Carolina, according to Lucero.

Carolina served as chief of the Southern Command in Zamboanga City before he was named to the No. 3 post in the military. Before that, he had stints as chief of the Southern Luzon Command and as vice chief for civil military operations, among others.

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   d. Extra-judicial settlement and partition, if sale is after death of original borrower, to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, and an Affidavit of Publication;
   e. Authentication of legal documents, if it is notarized abroad
2. The terms and conditions as described above.
3 Interest rates shall be as stated above.

Restructuring Agreement

The restructured subrogated account shall be covered by a Supplemental Agreement embodying the terms and conditions of this program. The provisions of the original contract shall remain in full force, except as amended herein

Application Requirements

1. Application form duly accomplished and signed by any of the following:
   a. Principal borrower / awardee (including the co-makers if any)
   b. Buyer of Rights/transferee
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RP militants in HK rally to protest Bush visit

HONG KONG—Anti-war activists and migrant groups marched to the United States Consulate in Hong Kong Saturday to protest US President George Bush's visit to the Philippines.

Some 50 protesters waved placards and chanted slogans objecting to a meeting between Bush and President Macapagal-Arroyo during his whirlwind visit to Manila on Saturday.

The protest was to show solidarity for demonstrations in the Philippines against the US leader's visit, said Connie Bragas-Regalado, a spokesperson for co-organisers of the United Filipinos in Hong Kong.

She said there was no other reason for Bush to visit the Philippines other than "to ensure the pursuance of its borderless war against terror." "The global anti-war sentiment hounds Bush wherever he goes. "Now he's stepping into the territory of one of his most faithful warmongering ally, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, it is right for the people to again rise up in protest," said Bragas-Regalado. *AFP*

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'Tisoy' didn't rain on Bush parade

By Norman Bordadora

MALACAÑANG'S prayers for good weather were answered.

Tropical depression "Tisoy" didn't rain on visiting US President George W. Bush's eight-hour parade in Manila yesterday.

The Department of Foreign Affairs earlier offered dozens of eggs to a nun's convent in Quezon City to implore heaven for fine weather, sources at the Palace said.

The heavy rains on Friday left the hosts in Malacañang anxious as it threatened to spoil the planned outdoor ceremonies at the Rizal Park and the Palace.

Pagasa forecaster Lucrecio About said the inter-tropical convergence zone, not Tisoy, caused the heavy rains on Friday.

The unexpected warm weather took its toll on the hundreds of guests who sweltered in the noon-day heat on the Palace grounds as they waited for the arrival of the US president.

However, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) had a perfectly scientific explanation for the day that everybody expected to be wet.

"The air mass in the northwest and west of the eye of tropical depression Tisoy is relatively dry. It is the air mass in the southeast of the disturbance that carries with it rain," said About.

"The air mass in the northwest of the eye of Tisoy was the one that affected Luzon yesterday. There was not much precipitation and the clouds that formed were not cumulonimbus clouds or rain clouds," About told the INQUIRER.

About said the rain-carrying air mass southeast of Tisoy was still far out in the Pacific Ocean.

"Basically, the tropical depression was still relatively fair yesterday afternoon," About added.

Clouds appeared over Metro Manila around 1 p.m. and continued late in the afternoon yesterday. The cloud formation, however, was not enough to precipitate rain.

At 2 p.m. yesterday, Tisoy was estimated at 870 km southeast of Tuguegarao, with maximum winds of 55 km per hour. *With a report from Juliet Labog-Javellana*

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, October 19, 2003
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 53:10-11

Yet it was the will of Yahweh to crush him with grief.
When he makes himself an offering for sin,
he will have a long life and see his descendants.
Through him the will of Yahweh is done.
For the anguish he suffered,
he will see the light and obtain perfect knowledge.
My just servant will justify the multitude;
he will bear and take away their guilt.

2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16

We have a great High Priest, Jesus, the Son of God, who has entered heaven. Let us, then, hold fast to the faith we profess. Our high priest is not indifferent to our weaknesses, for he was tempted in every way just as we are, yet without sinning. Let us, then, with confidence approach God, the giver of grace; we will obtain mercy and, through his favor, help in due time.

Gospel: Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Master, we want you to grant us what we are going to ask of you." And he said, "What do you want me to do for you?" They answered, "Grant us to sit one at your right and one at your left when you come in your glory."

But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized in the way I am baptized?" They answered, "We can." And Jesus told them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and you will be baptized in the way I am baptized. But to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to grant. It has been prepared for others."

On hearing this, the other ten were angry with James and John; Jesus then called them to him and said, "As you know, the so-called rulers of the nations act as tyrants and their great ones oppress them. But it shall not be so among you; whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you shall make himself slave of all. Think of the Son of Man who has not come to be served but to serve and to give his life to redeem many."

Commentary

"Our high priest is not indifferent to our weaknesses, for he was tempted in every way just as we are, yet without sinning." My professor in theology made this beautiful reflection on priesthood: "Priesthood is about mankind and broken eggshell pieces, and the failure of all the king's horses and all the king's men (technology and all our human resources) to put them together again. Priesthood is about the One, the only One, who could take the stories of all mankind into his heart, because his heart is broken-open too. Who could offer them and his pierced heart together, and place them in the hands of him from whose love first they came. And how in those hands the pieces come together again, into one whole and lovely thing. And through this thing, Love shining like circling and singing rainbows, the glory of God and Adam coming fully alive again. (C.G. Arevalo, And They Shall Name Him Emmanuel, p. 93).

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Lawyers begin fight to keep Strunk in US

STRUNK

By Percy D. Della
US West Coast Correspondent

SACRAMENTO—His lawyers yesterday began the courtroom battle to block Roger Lawrence Strunk's extradition to the Philippines to face murder charges for the November 2001 slay of his famous actress-wife Nida Blanca.

Rod Strunk, 63, sat quietly as his California lawyer Jeffrey Kravitz delivered final oral arguments before federal court Judge Gregory Hollows. Kravitz was assisted by three lawyers from the Siguion-Reyna Montecillo and Ongsiako law firm in Manila.

Their aim was to puncture evidence of Strunk's culpability presented by United States lawyer Ken Melikian, who was representing the Philippines in the formal extradition request.

Melikian maintained that the Philippine government had provided proper and sufficient evidence to prove probable cause, the "standard" requirement.

He labeled as an "ambush" and "grandstanding in open court" 11 new exhibits hauled to court yesterday by Strunk's Manila lawyers Alma Fernandez Mallonga, Noel Lazaro and Dennis Manalo and viewed during the proceedings. Among these was a video tape of Philip Medel Jr. owning up to the murder and implicating Strunk, and then recanting in a dramatic courtroom appearance, charging that police had tortured him into confessing.

Kravitz insisted that Philippine authorities had failed to make a case for Strunk's return to Manila. At one point, he told Hollows: "I have to tell you, honestly, (that Strunk) has been framed."

Both sides were given until Nov. 3 to present more documents before the court decides on the extradition next month.

Meanwhile, Strunk was granted a "compassionate leave" from the Sacramento County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in May, so he could visit a dying sister in Tracy.

It was in Tracy where Strunk was arrested by federal marshals. He had left the Philippines two months after Blanca's stabbing, to be with his ailing mother—who has since died—in this same city 96 km east of San Francisco.

Comparing the murder case to the sensational O.J. Simpson trial in 1995, Kravitz said Strunk, a small-time singer-actor in the 1960s known as Rod Lauren, stood to face an unfair trial in Manila because his wife of more than 20 years had enjoyed tremendous popularity.

Kravitz accused the Philippine government of withholding key witness statements from the US court. He also cited deaths and disappearances among alleged participants in the high-profile case.

In Manila, former Court of Appeals Justice Harriet Demetriou, the private lawyer of Blanca's family, said the Philippines' Department of Justice and National Bureau of Investigation did not submit to the US court all the statements and depositions taken by the police and the NBI during the investigation of the case.

"To me this is a serious case of obstruction of justice. Their non-delivery and non-disclosure deprived US State lawyer Melikian of the chance to rebut the allegations made by Strunk's lawyers Kravitz and Mallonga.

"The documents presented by Kravitz had been discredited by the same deponents in succeeding depositions. These depositions are with the DOJ and NBI," Demetriou said. *With an AP report*

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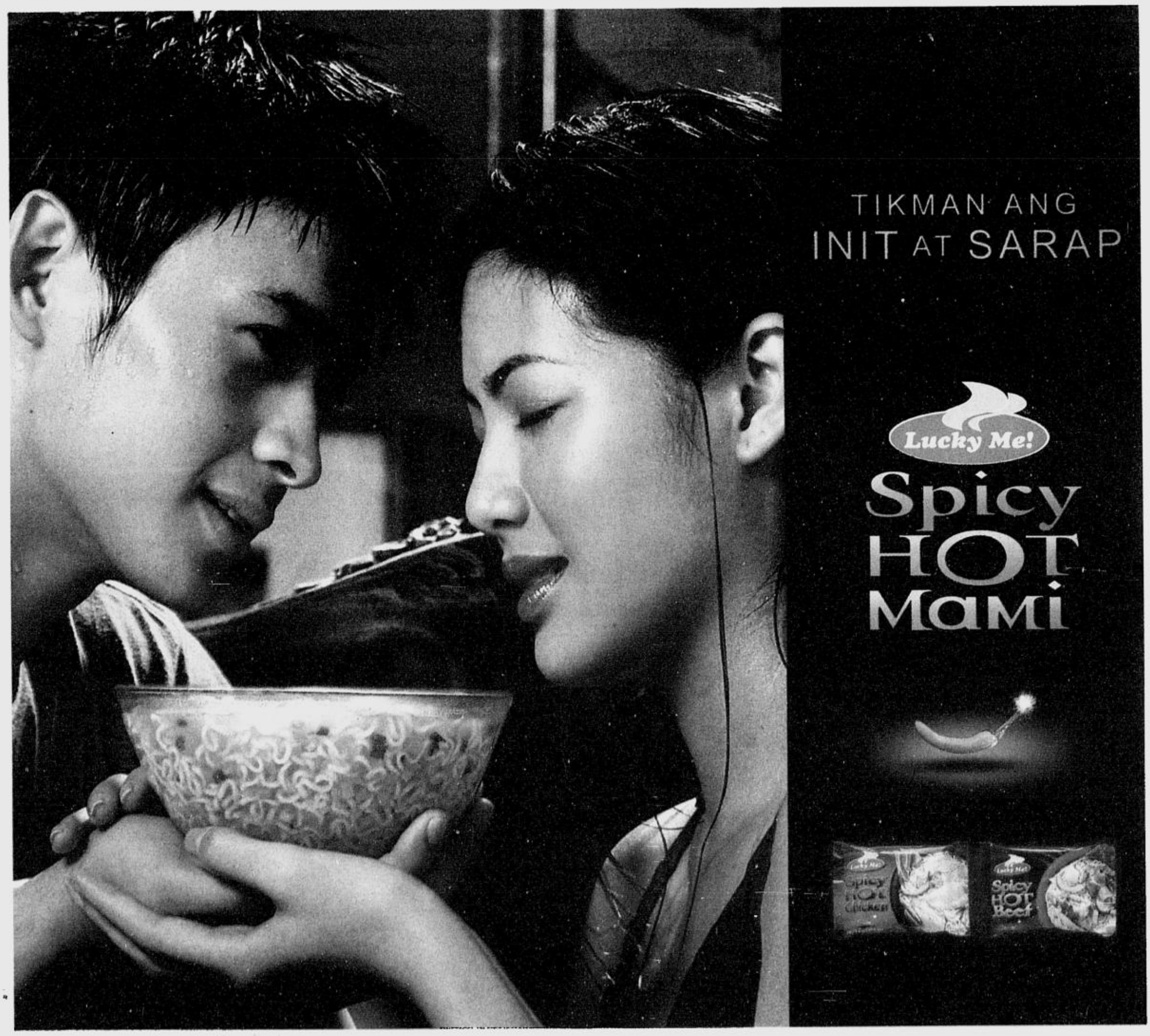

GMA's 'apo' steals show in Palace welcome

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT Bush beams as he holds Mikaela Arroyo, President Macapagal's granddaughter, at the Malacañang grounds.

LIKE a politician on the campaign trail, US President George W. Bush held and kissed a baby as he trooped the welcome line in Malacañang.

But it was, of course, no ordinary baby. It was 1-year-old presidential granddaughter Mikaela Gloria Arroyo, and she was the only baby in the place.

President Macapagal-Arroyo and First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo beamed with pride as the most powerful man in the world held their granddaughter.

Bush had just received full military honors and was walking with Ms Macapagal from the Mabini grounds to the Palace when he stopped to approach a row of schoolchildren waving small flags. Behind the children was Mikaela who was being carried by her nanny.

To the delight of the crowd, Bush took Mikaela. The baby did not make any fuss and just looked at the American president.

It was not known if Bush remembered her as the same baby he had held at the White House when Ms Macapagal was there on a state visit last May.

While Bush was scoring brownie points with the crowd, First Lady Laura Bush was signing autographs for some of the schoolchildren. The children came from exclusive schools and were chosen to join the welcome crowd.

Charm offensive

The host, Ms Macapagal, was not to be outdone in the charm offensive.

While she was waiting for the Bushes to arrive at the Malacañang grounds, she approached the schoolchildren and shook hands with them. She also went to a group of Filipino World War II veterans and their families and chatted with them. She did the same to some Malacañang employees.

She spent about 30 minutes doing this.

At 1:35 p.m., the black limousine bearing the Bushes entered Malacañang's Gate 6 and slowly rolled to the edge of the platform where Ms Macapagal and the First Gentleman were waiting.

Six US Secret Service agents surrounded the vehicle and looked around before one opened the rear door.

Bush, who was wearing a dark suit and blue tie, shook hands with and bussed Ms Macapagal. US First Lady Laura Bush, who was wearing a light green suit, did the same.

Ms Macapagal wore a dove gray coat dress; the First Gentleman wore a Barong Tagalog.

The two presidents then stood at a platform and the Star-Spangled Banner and Lupang Hinirang were played.

The two then trooped the line of honor guards during which Ms Macapagal pointed out to Bush the group of Filipino war veterans. Bush waved to them and gave the thumbs up sign.

Bush leaves even cops star-struck

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presidential limousine. He showed the results to bystanders, who begged him to send them copies via email. E-mail addresses were soon exchanged.

Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong, Western Police District director, said the WPD made "sweeps" in Rizal Park, the Baywalk, Plaza Ferguson and the environs of the US Embassy to clear it of vendors and vagrants.

The usual crowd of balloon, peanut and towel vendors was missing from the Rizal monument where Bush laid a wreath in honor of the Philippine national hero.

The park was immaculate, having been cleared of the usual litter of candy and food wrappers and fallen leaves.

And as if the bright sun was not enough illumination during the middle of the day, the street lights on Roxas Boulevard were turned on.

Coffee at the Baywalk

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, who accompanied Bush during the wreath-laying ceremony at the Rizal Park, found the US president so friendly "I almost invited him for a cup of coffee on the Baywalk."

The Baywalk, Atienza's pet project, is the promenade by the Manila Bay which has cafés and restaurants.

Atienza said Bush greeted him like an old friend and expressed gratitude for the welcome streamers and banners placed along Roxas Boulevard. Bush even described Filipinos in the United States as "hardworking," Atienza said.

Atienza said he would gift Bush with a gold-plated symbolic key to the city of Manila.

The mayor's wife, Beng, who spoke with US First Lady Laura Bush, said the latter was excited about the warm welcome they received.

Bad for business

Business on Roxas Boulevard was not so good yesterday, prompting some establishments to close for the day.

The entire boulevard was closed to vehicular traffic and parking areas in front of hotels and restaurants had been declared no-parking zones.

One of the two Emerald Garden restaurants in front of the US Embassy was closed, and the other had virtually no customers.

"We closed the other (restaurant) because there weren't many guests. Since this morning, only a few tables had been filled," said operations manager Soly Chua.

As expected, the closure of Roxas Boulevard resulted in the congestion of vehicles in nearby streets.

According to Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) traffic chief Angelito Vergel de Dios, traffic was heavy on Mabini Street around noon yesterday.

Quezon Bridge turned into a virtual parking lot as traffic slowed to a standstill.

Vehicles also jostled for space from Liwasang Bonifacio to Taft Avenue, prompting some passengers to complain that an additional hour had been added to their usual 30-minute trip.

Vergel de Dios, however, said traffic in the rest of Metro Manila was relatively OK, considering that he had earlier predicted a major traffic jam during Bush's visit.

Even streets around the malls in Edsa and Ortigas were not as congested as the MMDA had feared, he said.

He said people who trooped to the malls, most of which were holding mega-sales, might have heeded their earlier warning and used public transportation.

Batasan car show

The Batasang Pambansa complex was turned into a virtual car show as government officials and dignitaries invited to the joint session of Congress brought out their flashy cars.

Ford Expeditions, F-150s, Nissan Patrols, BMWs and Mercedes-Benzes lined up the road leading to the Batasan. There were also several Honda CRVs, Toyota RAV4s, Altis, Lexus and Toyota Crowns.

Besides their flashy cars, senators, congressmen and senior government officials brought two to three backup vehicles complete with security escorts.

Waiting for Bush

While awaiting Bush's arrival at the Batasan, some American journalists whiled the time away playing tricks on their colleagues. One journalist took pictures of a sleeping colleague as another placed a boom mike.

Another group of American journalists was seen in a huddle with Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo who apparently was telling them about his party-list group's protests over US policies.

What caught the eye of the Americans during Bush's speech were the old and gray members of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines who came to listen to the US president. Some waved American flags, prompting the Americans to take pictures and videos of them.

Secret Service hotel

For the past two weeks, US Secret Service agents and White House personnel have been billeted at the Westin Philippine Plaza at the CCP Complex in Pasay City. They occupied some 200 rooms at the Westin Executive Club on two floors of the hotel, said public relations manager Rica Peñalosa.

The rooms have their own butlers and concierge.

Peñalosa said the delegation had its own security, who only allowed select housekeeping and hotel staff access to their rooms.

The Americans also installed a satellite dish and communications equipment.

The hotel's Grand Plaza Room was turned into the White House Press Filing Room where American journalists accompanying Bush filed their stories.

Peñalosa said their guests sometimes used the hotel gym and spa. She said they were "very cool and easy to please."

The Americans are expected to stay in the hotel until today.

Pro-US rally

Even those who wanted to express their support for Bush did not get past the police cordon on Roxas Boulevard.

Some 700 members of the United Supporters of America (USA) were blocked by around 100 Philippine National Police Special Action Force operatives when the group tried to march to the US Embassy.

"This is worse than martial law," said USA president Elly Velez Pamatong, calling the blockade "imprisonment."

Pamatong promised to give the policemen instant US visas if they let his group through; the police were not impressed.

Pamatong's group, formerly known as Discovery Crusade of the Philippines Inc., seeks to make Filipinos US citizens. *Reports from Philip Tubeza, Leila Salaverria, Tarra Quismundo, Margaux Ortiz, Michael Ubac, Christine Avendaño*

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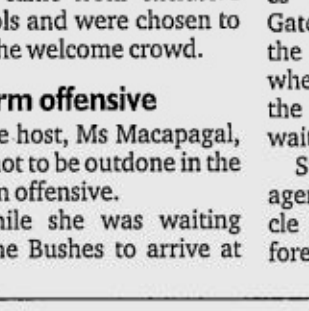

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Laura Bush, school kids swap stories, affections

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starstruck as they stuck to the American First Lady at the end of the program until Malacañang officials had to pry them out of there.

Trimmed from the original schedule of an hour, Mrs. Bush showed instant rapport with the children as she happily chatted with some of them.

After the program, Julian handed Mrs. Bush a gift—a book on bamboos and a jewelry box made of bamboo.

Julian was beaming when she told her classmates every second of her encounter with Mrs. Bush. "I told her 'Please come again' and she replied 'Oh yes!" Julian said. "I believe her."

Keep it short

One of the teacher-dance instructors said the dance portion was to have lasted three to four minutes per song or at least 18 minutes for the six-song set (which included "Si Filimon," "Si Nanay Si Tatay," and "Tinikling") but the US advance party officials wanted only six minutes. The Filipinos haggled for more time and they were allowed up to nine minutes.

Other portions of the program were also cut short. The question-and-answer portion was dropped entirely due to the limited time.

Best behavior

The students who sat on a *banig* or native woven mats were on their best behavior throughout the program as they diligently delivered their lines (such as "Good afternoon Mrs. Bush, we're glad to see you") on cue and in unison.

US First Lady and school kids

But it was bedlam a few minutes after the First Lady stepped out of the Kalayaan hall as the excited gradeschoolers turned restless and started chatting with their classmates and relished being in the media spotlight. They gamely answered questions from reporters and posed for TV cameras.

All praise and fried chicken

The chief event organizer, Monino Dungca (a former artistic director of CCP Theater), was all praise for the students. "All credit for the success of the show goes to the kids," Dungca said.

The kids practiced for 14 days (one week in the Palace), and it showed in the near flawless execution of their songs and dance steps.

Aside from the Aurora A. Quezon Elementary School, the students were from the Legarda Elementary School, Bagong Barangay (Zamora) Elementary School, San Beda, St. Scholastica and the Center for Excellence.

Mariet Servano said her mother was proud of her because a member of their family got to enter the Palace.

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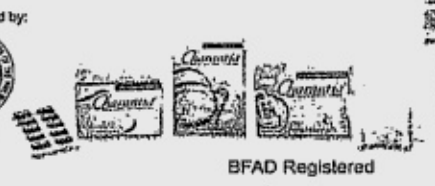

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By Michael Lim Ubac

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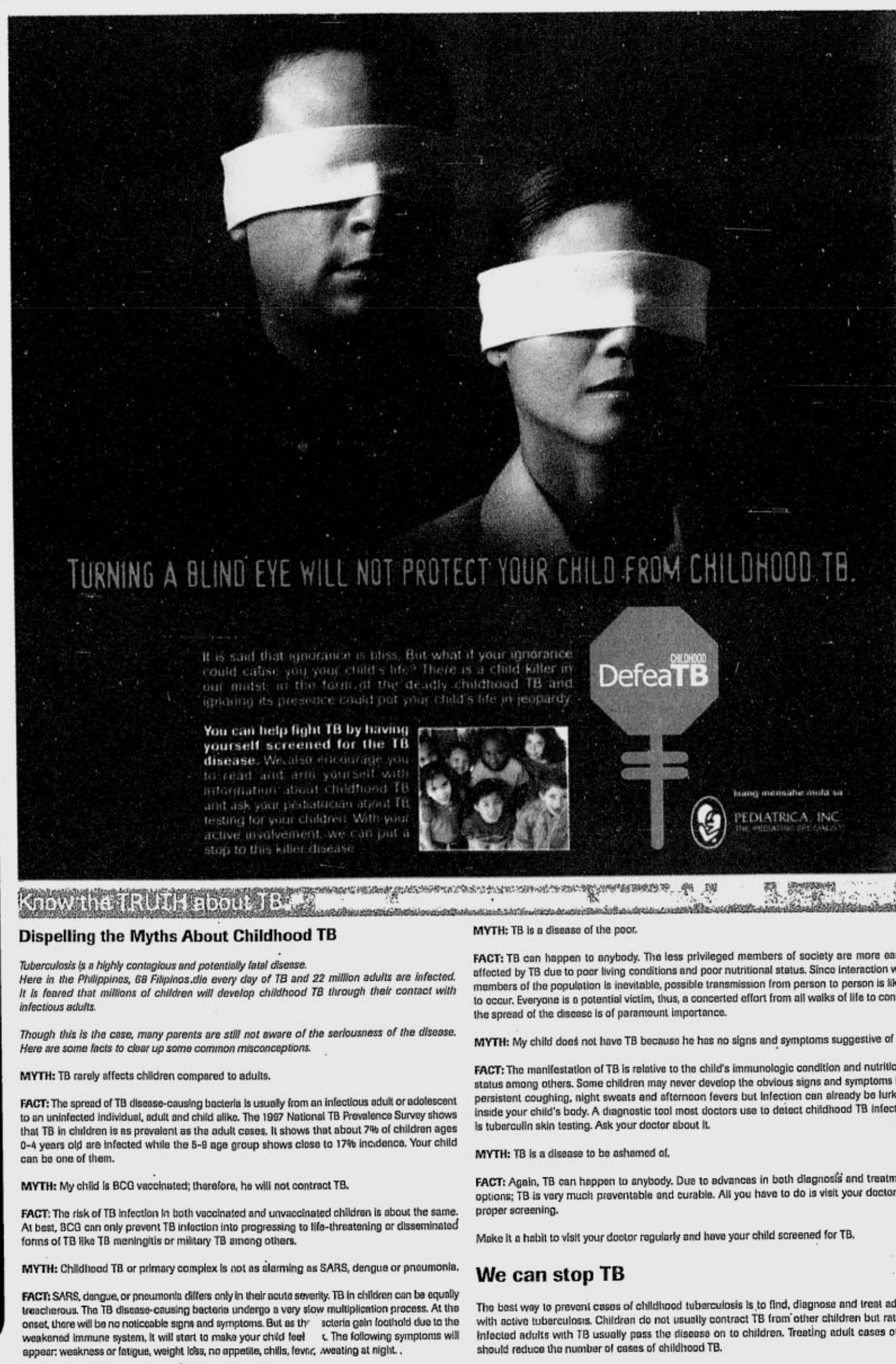

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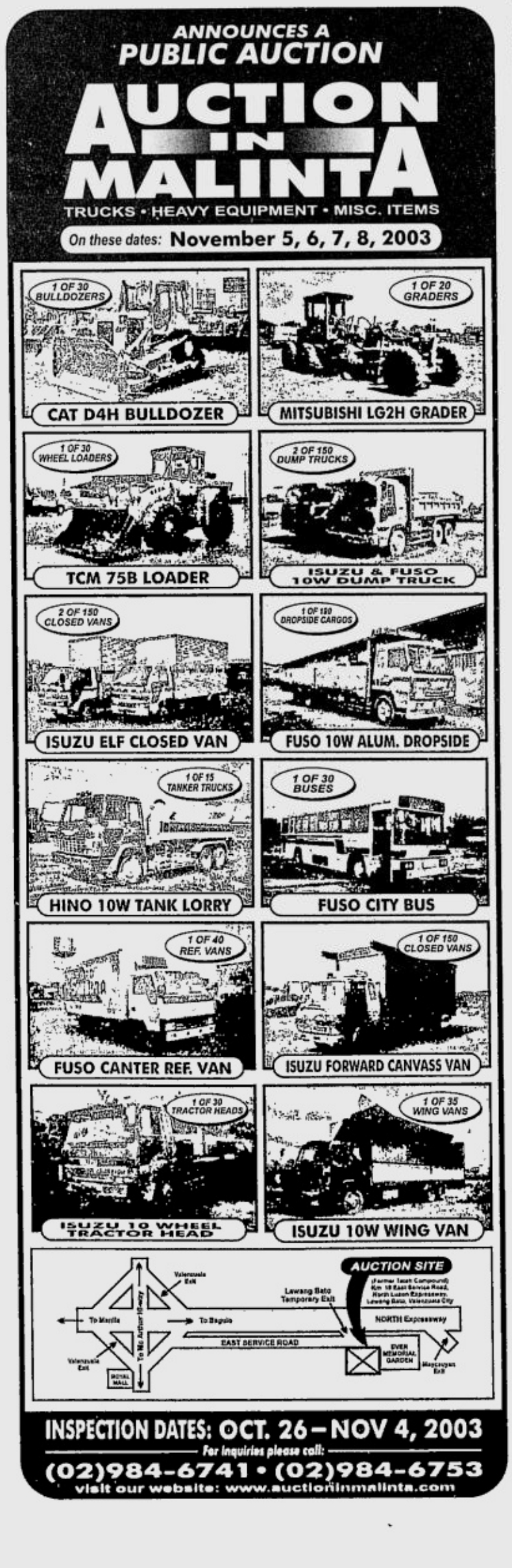

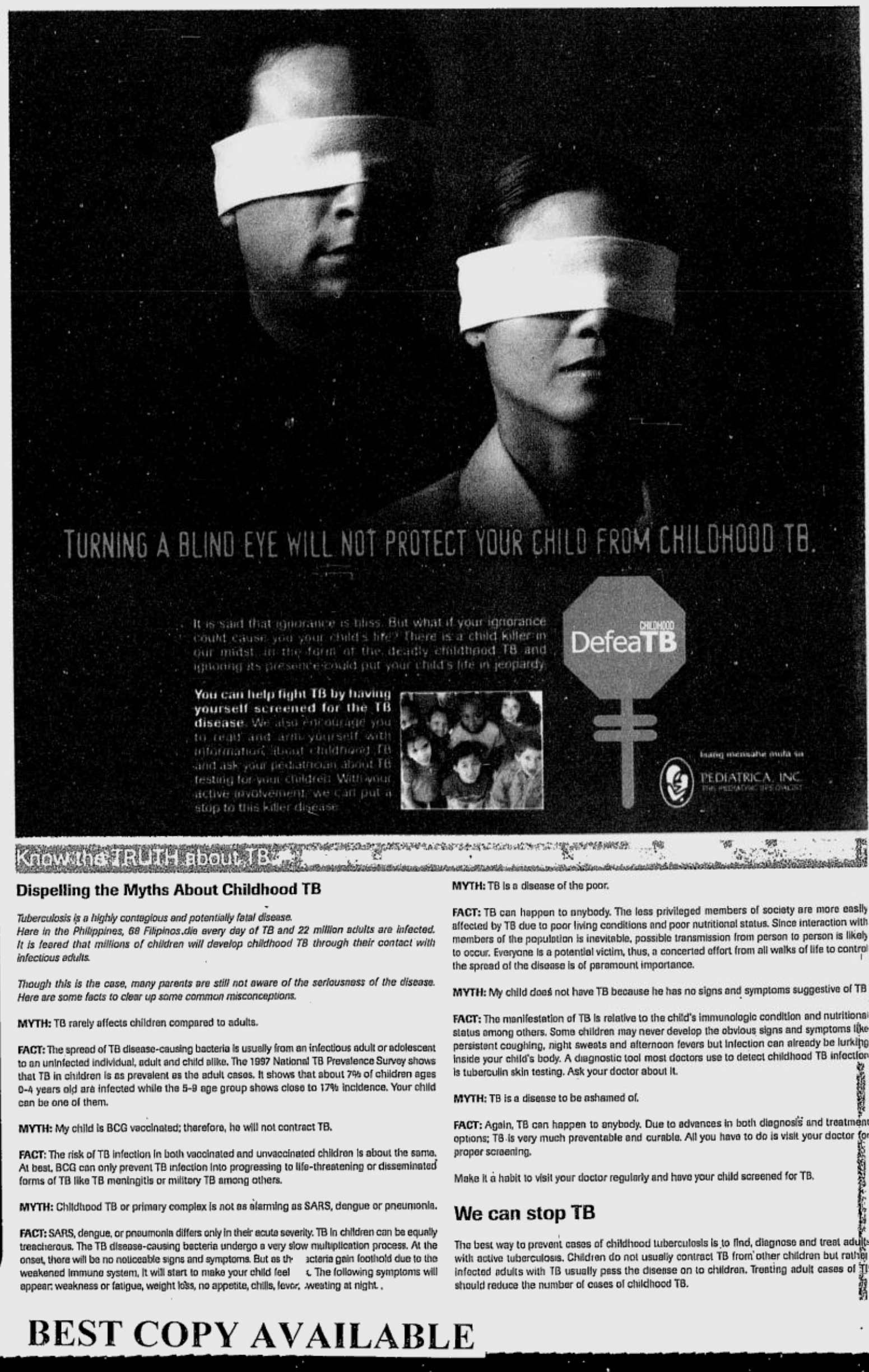

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MYTH: TB rarely affects children compared to adults.

FACT: The spread of TB disease-causing bacteria is usually from an infectious adult or adolescent to an uninfected individual, adult and child alike. The 1997 National TB Prevalence Survey shows that TB in children is as prevalent as the adult cases. It shows that about 7% of children ages 0-4 years old are infected while the 5-9 age group shows close to 17% incidence. Your child can be one of them.

MYTH: My child is BCG vaccinated; therefore, he will not contract TB.

FACT: The risk of TB infection in both vaccinated and unvaccinated children is about the same. At best, BCG can only prevent TB infection into progressing to life-threatening or disseminated forms of TB like TB meningitis or military TB among others.

MYTH: Childhood TB or primary complex is not as alarming as SARS, dengue or pneumonia.

FACT: SARS, dengue, or pneumonia differs only in their acute severity. TB in children can be equally treacherous. The TB disease-causing bacteria undergo a very slow multiplication process. At the onset, there will be no noticeable signs and symptoms. But as the bacteria gain foothold due to the weakened immune system, it will start to make your child feel . The following symptoms will appear: weakness or fatigue, weight loss, no appetite, chills, fever, wasting at night.

MYTH: TB is a disease of the poor.

FACT: TB can happen to anybody. The less privileged members of society are more easily affected by TB due to poor living conditions and poor nutritional status. Since interaction with members of the population is inevitable, possible transmission from person to person is likely to occur. Everyone is a potential victim, thus, a concerted effort from all walks of life to control the spread of the disease is of paramount importance.

MYTH: My child does not have TB because he has no signs and symptoms suggestive of TB

FACT: The manifestation of TB is relative to the child's immunologic condition and nutritional status among others. Some children may never develop the obvious signs and symptoms like persistent coughing, night sweats and afternoon fevers but infection can already be lurking inside your child's body. A diagnostic tool most doctors use to detect childhood TB infection is tuberculin skin testing. Ask your doctor about it.

MYTH: TB is a disease to be ashamed of.

FACT: Again, TB can happen to anybody. Due to advances in both diagnosis and treatment options; TB is very much preventable and curable. All you have to do is visit your doctor for proper screening.

Make it a habit to visit your doctor regularly and have your child screened for TB.

We can stop TB

The best way to prevent cases of childhood tuberculosis is to find, diagnose and treat adults with active tuberculosis. Children do not usually contract TB from other children but rather infected adults with TB usually pass the disease on to children. Treating adult cases of TB should reduce the number of cases of childhood TB.

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SCHOOL children wave American and Philippine flags during President Bush's unscheduled visit at the US Embassy. EPA/MIKE ALQUINTO

Bush hails RP as top ally of US

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p.m. en route to Bangkok.

In his speech, Bush also promised to bring the Abu Sayyaf to justice, to fulfill his government's commitment to provide development assistance to Mindanao, and to dismantle the terrorist network of Jemaah Islamiyah as well as other threat groups in Southeast Asia.

"There can be no compromise with terror," he said, adding:

"Philippine security forces have the right and the duty to protect local communities and to defeat terrorism in every form. In the war on terror, the US and the Philippine military alliance is a rock of stability."

After his meeting with Ms Macapagal in Malacañang, Bush said the Abu Sayyaf was a "serious threat," and said RP-US cooperation in fighting it would be "a model for the region."

He justified his policy of preemption against Iraq, saying "tyranny is so stubborn that we have to make tough decisions."

But he need not convince Ms Macapagal on this, he said, because she understood the US campaign against terror and had in fact taken a leadership role in the Asean on the fight against terrorism.

Bush only stopped short of endorsing his friend and ally who is seeking a fresh term in the May 2004 elections.

According to Press Secretary Milton Alingod, Bush told Ms Macapagal during their restricted meeting in the Study Room at the Palace: "I want to remind the people of this country what a great leader you've been when it comes to fighting terror. You have been strong and a stalwart, and that's what's needed. I appreciate that very much. We want to continue to help you, and I want to thank you for your vision in fighting for freedom."

Fighter jets

Amid protests and threats of extremist attacks, two F-15 fighter jets escorted Air Force One bearing Bush and his wife Laura through Philippine air space until moments before landing.

Air Force One touched down at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at 12:20 p.m., 10 minutes earlier than scheduled, and taxied to the tarmac of the Ages Aviation Center west of the Naia passenger terminal.

The Philippine Air Force band played as the US First Couple emerged from the plane 10 minutes later and were welcomed by Vice President Teofisto Guingona, Foreign Secretary Blas Ople, and Philippine and US Ambassadors Del Rosario and Ricciardone.

After shaking hands with Guingona, Ople and Del Rosario, and engaging them in brief pleasantries, Bush headed straight to his jet-black Cadillac limousine, but waved at cameras, gave a flying kiss and flashed a thumbs-up sign before following Mrs. Bush into the heavily armored car.

Asked what Bush had told him, Guingona quoted the state visitor as saying: "I know you are the Vice President."

Guingona, who had earlier denied reports that he was joining the anti-US protest rallies, said he welcomed Bush as part of the Philippine government even if he had severed his ties with the Macapagal administration.

"It is just right that we show him Filipino hospitality," Guingona said.

Unscheduled stop

Bush deviated from the announced schedule and dropped in at the US Embassy on Roxas Boulevard before proceeding to the Rizal Park to lay a wreath at the monument of the national hero Jose Rizal.

He then went on to a red-carpet welcome in Malacañang, where he was given full military honors.

Manila was Bush's second stop in a whirlwind six-nation tour of Asia and Australia, during which he hopes to enlist cash and troops for US post-war efforts in Iraq and aims to bolster alliances in the war on terrorism.

US officials said the central purpose of Bush's eight-hour stay was to reward Ms Macapagal for her staunch support for the war on terrorism and the US-led invasion of Iraq, as well as to shore up the Philippines in its own fight against violent extremists and insurgencies.

Earlier in the day, Agence France Presse quoted a senior administration official as saying that Bush's message to the Philippine Congress would be: "What can we do to help?"

But the official acknowledged that a pledge to provide refurbished combat helicopters had hit a funding snag.

"I'll be honest with you, we haven't found funding yet. I'm sure we will by the end of the next fiscal year, but we're not there yet," the official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

RP's great story

In his speech, Bush said he and his wife were deeply heartened by the warm reception of the legislators and the people who lined the streets to welcome them.

He said that for the last 30 years, Americans had learned to respect the character of the Philippines and the decency and courage of its people.

"America is proud of its part in the great story of the Filipino people," he said. "Together our soldiers liberated the Philippines from colonial rule. Together we rescued the islands from invasion and occupation."

He also noted that "over two million Americans citizens trace their ancestry to these islands," and that commerce between the two countries was "vibrant and growing."

World needs RP

Bush made it clear where he stood on the July mutiny that challenged Ms Macapagal's presidency.

"Sustaining liberty is not so easy," he said. "The world saw that last July here in the Philippines. And all the free nations rejoiced when the mutiny against this government failed. People of this land have fought hard, too long to surrender freedom to the conspiracy of the few."

Bush went further by reminding the legislators that they were the protectors of Philippine democracy.

His message to the military was forceful: "The members of the Philippine Armed Forces are commissioned to fight for freedom, not to contend for power."

He also said he was "certain that in the coming elections, this nation will show its deep commitment to democracy and contir ue to inspire people in Asia."

At the end of his speech, Bush recalled the words of Pope John Paul II, who addressed five million people in January 1995 at the Rizal Park: "[The Pope] said, 'May your light spread from Manila to the farthest corners of the world like the great light which shone in the night in Bethlehem.' Ladies and gentlemen, the world needs the Philippines to continue as a light to all of Asia and beyond."

Security challenges

In their joint statement issued in Malacañang, the two Presidents said they focused their discussions on the security challen ges facing the two countries, "agreeing that the US-Philippine partnership has taken on new vitality and importance in the context of the global war on terrorism."

They reviewed "recent successes in the war on terrorism, noting with satisfaction that a number of terrorist killers have been brought to justice."

They agreed that "while progress had been made in attacking terrorist organizations, both globally and regionally, much work remains to be done."

In reply to reporters' questions after his meeting with Ms Macapagal, Bush defended his whirlwind Asian tour that would culminate in his attendance at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Bangkok. The trip has been criticized as bereft of vision and limited to his campaign against terrorism and Iraq.

"I think security is on the agenda," he said. "What I'm trying to do and will do is to remind people that the war on terror goes on... I just would remind people that the United States is still threatened, our friends are threatened, and therefore we must continue [to] cooperate."

He said "the best thing we can continue to do now, with respect to the Constitution and our budgets," was to work in close cooperation regarding the sharing of intelligence, assets, capacity and training, "and to move quickly when a particular target is found."

Bush said his visit to Manila was meant to "renew the friendship" and "continue our discussions" on security, economic, political and cultural ties.

"The President and I, we talked a lot," he said. "These meetings are important to keep our friendships going." *With reports from Gerald G. Lacuarta, AFP*

Naia declared 'no-fly' zone for Bush visit

By Jerome Aning

AT LEAST 26 domestic and international flights were delayed yesterday after the Ninoy Aquino International Airport was declared a "no-fly zone" 45 minutes before the arrival and departure of visiting US President George W. Bush.

Eleven domestic arrival and departure flights were delayed at Naia's Terminal 2. Eight international flights were also affected, half of them bound for or coming from China.

At Naia's Terminal 1, the flight information desk reported seven delayed international flights, most of them to or from the Middle East.

Among the delayed flights was that of Pampanga Vice Gov. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, President Macapagal-Arroyo's eldest son, who came from Iloilo City.

In a phone interview, the vice governor said he was supposed to arrive at 11:30 a.m. but his plane managed to land at only 12:30 p.m., a few minutes after Air Force One, President Bush's official plane, landed.

The vice governor said he barely made it to Malacañang Palace.

Meanwhile, airport officials heaved a sign of relief after Air Force One touched down safely at the Naia.

For 45 minutes, the airport was bereft of the familiar sonic booms coming from landing, departing or taxiing passenger and cargo planes.

The only audible aerial flights were those of low-flying military and police helicopters scouring the vicinity of the airport.

All vehicular traffic leading to and from Naia's two terminals, the Domestic Airport, Villamor Air Base and government and private agencies in and around the airport complex were stopped for almost half an hour to give way to President Bush's convoy.

Checkpoints were set up along MIA Road, with policemen and civilian airport security boarding and inspecting all vehicles, including public buses and jeepneys going to Naia.

The Manila International Airport Authority did not upgrade the alert level of the Naia complex. But security personnel deployed to Naia were tripled because of the Bush visit.

Meanwhile Naia employees and passengers paused for several minutes in front of available television monitors to watch the arrival of Bush and his entourage aboard Air Force One from Japan.

Bush speech draws mixed reviews

By Christine O. Avendaño and Cynthia D. Balana

THE REVIEWS are mixed for US President George W. Bush's speech.

Senate President Franklin Drilon and Speaker Jose de Venecia said last night that Bush made "very strong statements and warnings."

De Venecia said Bush not only reaffirmed the US commitment to help the Philippines in its war against terrorism but also "discouraged any attempts at destabilization or political coups."

"Bush is telling the [Armed Forces of the Philippines] not to contend for power. It's a very strong warning and statement," he said.

But Sen. Edgardo Angara said he had expected a specific promise from Bush, such as help in restoring public confidence in the Macapagal administration through a revitalized police and military and judiciary.

"How can you fight terrorism and give people hope of justice when they think, whether rightly or wrongly, that the judiciary is not aboveboard?" he said.

Angara was also skeptical that US assistance for Mindanao was forthcoming. He said peace in Mindanao was unattainable because Filipino Muslims did not have faith in the judiciary and the police and military.

Sen. Manuel Villar said he had hoped that Bush would give "concrete statements" on how the AFP could be upgraded.

But Sen. Lor Legarda welcomed Bush's reiteration of support for the anti-terrorism campaign and the modernization of the AFP.

"It's understandable that the leader of the only su erpower in the world would focus nore on security in the region," sh said.

At the House, Rep. Kim Bernardo-Lokin of the party-list group Cibac (Citizens' Battle Against Corruption) said lawmakers had expected more from Bush now that the Philippines had become a non-Nato ally of the United States.

Lokin said that the United States had written off the debts of some non-Nato allies, and that the Philippines deserved no less.

Quezon Rep. Bella Angara-Castillo said Bush could have been tired because there was "nothing substantial" in his speech.

"He just repeated his statements on TV," Castillo said. "There should have been something more concrete."

Negros Oriental Rep. Jacinto Paras said Bush missed the real enemy of the people when he only mentioned the Abu Sayyaf, and not the New People's Army.

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Bolivia president toppled by revolt

LA PAZ, Bolivia—Bolivia's Vice President was sworn in to take over the presidency on Friday after the resignation of Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada following a deadly popular revolt in South America's poorest nation.

Sanchez de Lozada, a free marketer and key US ally in the anti-drug war, resigned after a month-long revolt by Bolivia's Indian majority in which more than 70 people died.

Carlos Mesa, a respected journalist and political independent, was sworn in after Congress designated him to serve out Sanchez de Lozada's term, due to end in 2007. He immediately addressed the calls of Indian leaders for early elections, proposing that his mandate be shortened.

SANCHEZ de Lozada

"Bolivia is still not a country of equals. We must understand our peoples, our (indigenous) Quechuas and Aymaras," he told Congress after he was sworn in.

Mesa, wearing the brightly colored presidential sash and reading from a prepared speech, said it was time for "reparations" for the indigenous majority that led the wave of protests against Sanchez de Lozada.

"I warn you the dangers hanging over the country remain intact," Sanchez de Lozada said in a bitter letter read aloud to Congress by an official amid the heckling of opponents, some in traditional Indian dress, screaming "murderer."

His resignation came after tens of thousands of Indian farmers, workers and miners had marched and blockaded the world's highest capital for weeks to reject Sanchez de Lozada's US-backed, pro-market policies.

Heeding protests over the pilfering of Bolivia's natural resources, Mesa promised a referendum on a widely opposed plan to export gas to the United States that became a rallying cry for Sanchez de Lozada's opponents.

Grievances ranged from the now-shelved gas plan to a US-backed drive to wipe out crops of the staple coca leaf—the raw material for cocaine.

THOUSANDS of Bolivians march in the streets of La Paz, Bolivia Oct. 17 demanding President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada's resignation. AP

Even before he formally announced his resignation to a Congress guarded by a ring of assault vehicles and troops, protesters danced and clapped in the streets. Miners set off dynamite charges before singing the national anthem.

Local TV reported the ex-president, guarded by over 300 troops, had flown from La Paz to the eastern city of Santa Cruz where he was due to board a flight for Miami. The reports could not be immediately confirmed.

"Finally, the criminal has fallen!" said Roberto de la Cruz, a union leader. Like many protesters he blames the former president for the deaths of demonstrators, nearly all of whom died from bullet wounds after being shot by police or troops.

His resignation came as La Paz lay nearly in ruins. Streets are barricaded and little food has entered in the last week.

Basic necessities from bread to aspirin were in short supply.

Streets were littered with trash, broken glass and tires. The peppery sting of tear gas hung in the air.

The US-educated Sanchez de Lozada, who speaks Spanish with a US accent and is nicknamed "the gringo," was seen as out of touch with the poverty-stricken Indian population. *Reuters*

Apec economies agree to restart free trade talks

BANGKOK—Apec's 21 member nations have agreed to restart stalled talks on world trade, officials said Saturday as a heavily fortified Thai capital prepared for the arrival of US President George W. Bush.

Bush arrives late Saturday after whistle-stop visits to Japan and the Philippines during an Asian foray designed to push nations in the region to stand strong against terrorism and commit troops and cash for Iraq.

In Bangkok, he will meet Chinese President Hu Jintao, Russian President Vladimir Putin and South Korean President Roh Moo-Hyun, with North Korea to be high on the agenda.

While the war on terror will be a key factor in discussions between world leaders in their October 20-21 summit, working to kickstart multilateral trade talks which collasped last month in Cancun, Mexico, will have equal standing.

As foreign and trade ministers wrapped up their meetings Saturday, one Asian delegate said the consensus was to "soften up on some of the hardline positions."

"There were differences and views but there was no tension in the meeting," he said.

"All 21 economies are willing to go back to the negotiating table and this can be reflected in the next World Trade Organisation (WTO) meeting in Geneva on December 15, 2003."

The Doha round of WTO talks in Cancun, aimed at pushing trade liberalization forward, collapsed amid bickering by developed and developing countries on market access, farming subsidies and tariff structures. *AFP*

Post-war US toll in Iraq exceeds 100

BAGHDAD—Four US troops were killed in two separate attacks, the US military said Friday, raising to 101 the number of American soldiers killed in action in war-ravaged Iraq since the end of major hostilities.

Three Americans died in an overnight firefight in the Shiite holy city of Karbala and another was killed Friday when an explosive device blew up in Baghdad, the US-led coalition said. All four were with the US military police.

In addition, at least one policeman was killed and several armed followers of a local cleric also were reported dead in the Karbala fighting.

The troops and Iraqi police came under attack by bodyguards of a local cleric in Karbala, 110 km south of Baghdad, the coalition said.

"Three coalition troops were killed and seven wounded," said US military spokesperson Lieutenant-Colonel George Krivo.

"The firefight was initiated by non-compliant forces after someone reported that a number of men were congregating with arms near the Al-Abbas mosque after curfew," he said.

Witnesses said the fighting occurred outside the residence of local cleric Mahmud al-Hassani, a few hundred meters from the mosque. *AFP*

VENEZUELA'S LOVELIEST
Ana Karina Anez from the state of Lara (left) and Valentina Patruno (right) from the state of Miranda smile after being crowned in Caracas, Oct. 17. Patruno will represent Venezuela at Miss World, while Anez will represent Venezuela in the Miss Universe contest. REUTERS

South Africa: Drug giants inflated AIDS drug prices

JOHANNESBURG—South Africa's Competition Commission has found two pharmaceutical giants guilty of charging excessively high prices for anti-AIDS drugs and recommended they be fined 10 percent of their annual turnover in South Africa.

The South African branches of GlaxoSmithKline, which has its headquarters in Britain, and Boehringer Ingelheim of Germany have been found guilty of contravening the Competition Act and denying competitors access to an essential service.

"The firms have been found to have abused their dominant positions in their respective anti-retroviral markets," the Competition Commission said in a statement.

The Competition Commission, an independent organization ensuring that companies compete fairly and do not abuse positions of power, found that the two firms had engaged in "excessive pricing," "an exclusionary act" and "denied a competitor access to an essential facility."

"Our investigation revealed that each of the firms has refused to license their patents to generic manufacturers in return for a reasonable royalty," commissioner Menzi Simelane said.

The commission is an investigating body that makes recommendations to the Competition Tribunal which then decides whether or not to accept its advice. *AFP*

Former angry young man bows out as angry old man

By Simon Cameron-Moore

KUALA LUMPUR—Malaysia's former angry young man is about to end his political life as an angry old one.

"I like to speak my mind. Sometimes people don't like it," Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad told an interviewer this year as he prepared for retirement on Oct. 31 after 22 years in power.

On the eve of retirement he did it again. Hosting an Islamic summit, Mahathir drew howls of protest from Western governments and Israel by saying: "The Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million, but today the Jews rule the world by proxy."

His real message, that the Arabs should stop fighting a losing battle and sue for peace, was drowned out in the furor over his assertion that a Jewish lobby controlled Western powers.

Born in 1925, Asia's second longest serving elected leader had his world view shaped by life under British colonial rule. Mahathir has been haunted ever since by fear that Malaysia could slip back into economic re-colonization.

He set out to pull Malays up from their agrarian roots so that they could stand as equals not just with Chinese compatriots but also with other races in a rapidly globalizing world.

Last year, the "Old Man," as he is commonly known, apologized to Malays and said he had failed. Some say he is being too hard on himself.

Mahathir saw enough during his two decades at the top to fear Western domination would last well into the 21st century.

In September, he told the United Nations General Assembly:

"Today we are seeing the resurgence of European imperialism." Imbued with notions of Social Darwinism, he warned his ruling United Malays National Organization (UMNO) of the warlike ways of the white "European race." The invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, the Bosnian civil war, the Palestinian struggle, the Asian financial crisis and the damage done by globalization all raised his ire.

Adversarial qualities made Mahathir's career.

Expelled from UMNO in 1969 after accusing the "Father of the Nation"—first prime minister Tunku Abdul Rahman—of losing touch with the people, he was rehabilitated and promoted three years later.

In 1981, he became the country's fourth prime minister, but the first commoner after a trio of blue-blooded patricians. Mahathir's father was a provincial headmaster, of Indian descent.

A doctor before he became premier, Mahathir cut his political teeth as a newspaper columnist under the name C.H.E. Det, chronicling the life of agrarian Muslim Malay society. *Reuters*

MAHATHIR

Defiant Mahathir defends remarks, hits back at West

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia—A defiant Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad on Friday staunchly defended his claim Jews ruled the world against a storm of western protests, accusing his critics of bias and double standards.

His controversial speech to the leaders of Muslim nations Thursday was received with "contempt and derision" by the United States. Israel expressed "disgust" and his comments were described by Italy as "gravely offensive." But Islamic leaders at the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) rallied around Mahathir, saying his real message had been missed.

The veteran Southeast Asian leader denied he was anti-Semitic, saying he was merely stating historical facts, adding it was "grossly unfair" that Muslims could be criticized but others could not speak against the Jews. *AFP*

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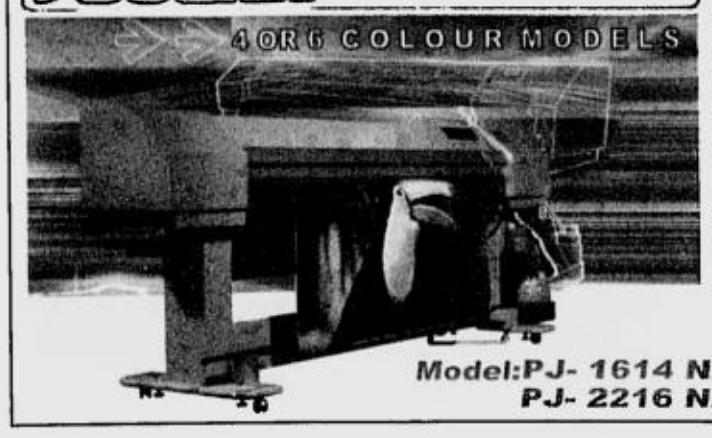

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Major participants in the celebration will be the Bureau of Corrections (BUCOR), the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), the Bureau of Youth and Child Welfare (BYCW), the Board of Pardons and Parole (BPP), the Parole and Probation Administration (PPA), and non-governmental organizations, among them, the Episcopal Commission on Prisoner's Welfare and Prison Fellowship, Phil..

The NCCW celebrations will be highlighted by the grant of "Correctional Excellence Awards" on 23 October 2003 to outstanding corrections workers who have shown exemplary commitment to their work and genuine humanity to their wards. An award carries a cash prize of P20,000. The awardees this year are Dr. Edilinda Garcia-Patac of BUCOR, J/Sr. INSP Johnson M. Calub of the BJMP, Sr. PPO Rogelio V. Basilla of the PPA and SWO V Nestor B. Ramos of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

It is hoped that this year's NCCW will rekindle the public's awareness of the efforts of corrections workers to rehabilitate and reintegrate criminal offenders into society.

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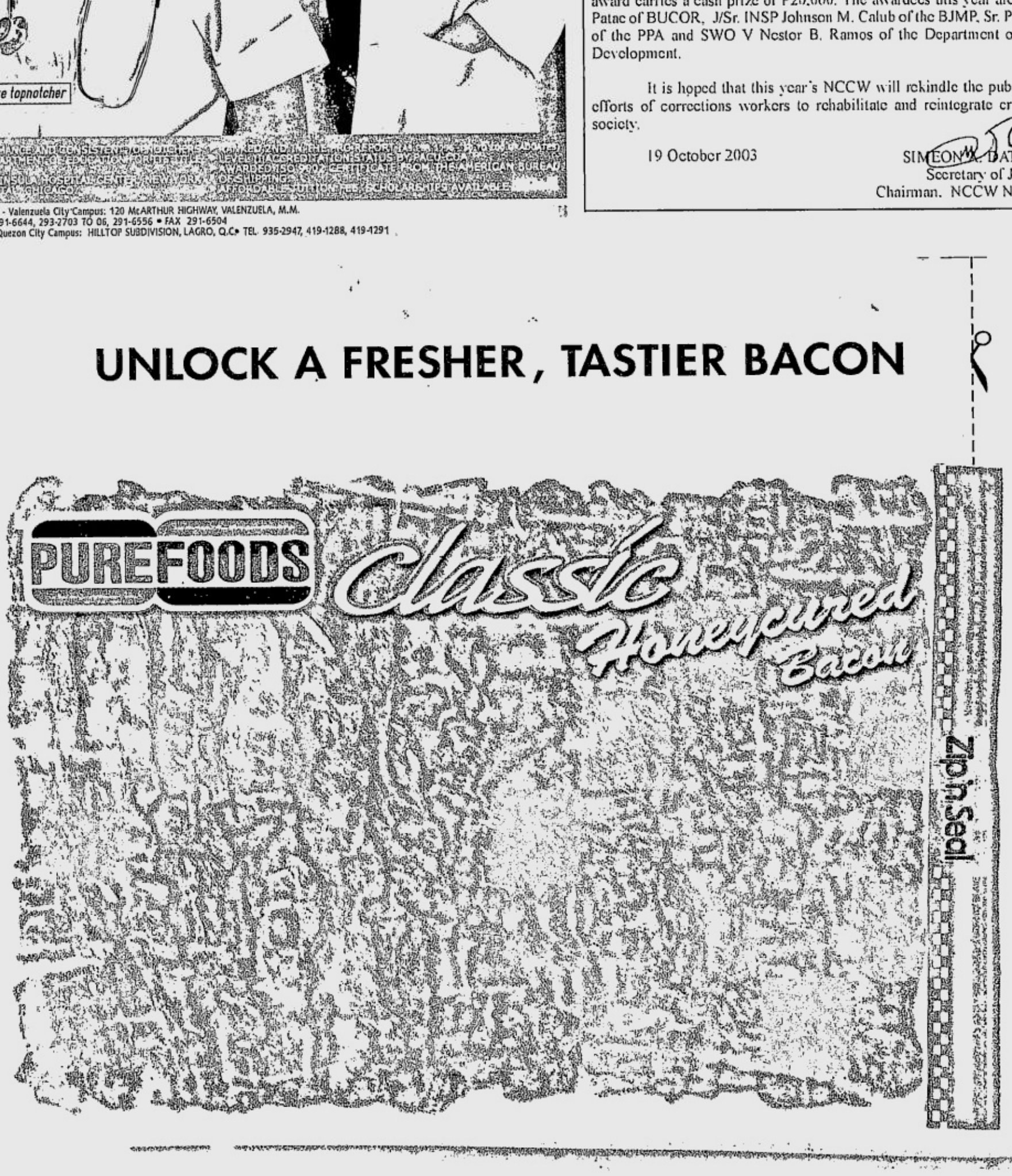

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Eight hours

EDITORIAL

AS a tourist, George W. Bush is an atypical American. He does not fit the stereotype of the American innocent abroad: boisterous, friendly to a fault, someone who fills the tourist traps with his loud laughter, his easy familiarity, his unapologetic curiosity.

As a traveling US president, Bush is even more atypical. Where previous American presidents have sought to cultivate an image of curiosity in, if not outright identification with, the other country's culture and historical experience—Richard Nixon drinking at Charles de Gaulle's fountain of wisdom, John F. Kennedy declaring himself a Berliner—Bush's approach is strictly business. Go in, shake hands, say what needs to be said, and then leave.

The extraordinary pace of yesterday's eight-hour state visit, however, was not dictated by Bush's personal preferences alone. Security concerns set the schedule.

As the New York Times noted last week: "Even for a president who does not like to linger—he once toured the square outside the Kremlin in 20 minutes—this will be an extreme version of Bush's brand of high-speed tourism." By "this" the report meant the US president's six-day, six-country swing through the Asia Pacific.

Welcome to what one official called "the trip from al-Qaida hell."

Talking to reporters before Bush left Washington, his influential national security adviser, Condoleeza Rice, said the US president's intention was to put "security at the heart" of his Asian talks.

He has done that even before saying a word—by traveling like a man under siege. His journey to this part of the world, primarily to attend the annual Asia Pacific Economic Conference summit, has been reported in the region's press as primarily a security story: how many soldiers host governments have deployed, how much control had been ceded to the US Secret Service, and so on.

The sped-up schedule itself is proof that the most powerful man in the world, as the leader of the world's sole remaining superpower is called these days, is running scared: three hours in Indonesia, 15 hours in Singapore, eight hours in the Philippines.

The Manila leg is "exactly eight hours," the New York Times reported, "because the Secret Service will not permit the president to stay past dinner in a country whose army officers are sometimes of dubious loyalty to the current government, and where terrorist groups still strike with audacity."

The Secret Service misreads the Armed Forces, that most pro-American sector of Philippine society, but that is another story. The point is, Bush's security handlers have placed the country in the same security category as Colombia.

We do not begrudge the right of the US government to secure the American president the way it sees fit, especially given post-Sept. 11 concerns. But is it possible that, by going overboard, Bush's security handlers are making a mistake?

Consider the case of Indonesia, which was originally not included in the itinerary. After Jakarta cracked down hard on leaders of the terrorist Jemaah Islamiyah group, officials close to Bush argued that a courtesy call on Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri would send the right signal of support.

But the notion that a short stopover in Bali would strike fear into the heart of terrorists is absurd. A Bush administration official tried to justify the three-hour photo opportunity with Megawati, but got all tangled up in the visit's contradictions. "We need to show her support. We're just going to show her that support very quickly."

This is supposed to send terrorists packing?

Ditto with the Philippines. The best thing Bush could have done to send the signal that terrorists won't win the first world war of the 21st century was to take his time in Manila—perhaps jog on Roxas Boulevard, as his predecessor Bill Clinton did. Instead, by arriving in Manila with two F-15 combat aircraft tailing Air Force One—the fighters were so close their pilots' faces could be clearly seen on board the presidential plane—Bush sent a signal that terrorists could understand. This is someone running scared.

The fork and spoon

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I WAS turned off to see President Macapagal-Arroyo eating with her fingers again after announcing that she had changed her mind and decided to run in the 2004 presidential election. Her rejection of the fork and spoon and eating like her hosts was intended to demonstrate that she was "one of them" and worthy of their precious votes. It was to me rank hypocrisy.

I suspect that many of those who lunched with her would have preferred to eat with the familiar fork and spoon except that they had to follow the leader as a show of respect and "*pakikisama*." After all, it was the President of the Philippines no less who was setting the example. It might have seemed boorish for them to demand the usual cutlery when Her Excellency was herself eating with her fingers.

It is possible that La Gloria also felt discomfited for discarding the usual fork and spoon she has learned to use since childhood. After all, she did not grow up in the jungles of Palawan or in some remote wilderness where fine dining is unknown. In fact, our President is an accustomed cosmopolite, having traveled in many modern cities, mingled with high society, and attended elegant banquets.

It was not improper for her, I suppose, to make a nod to local practices, like wearing some articles peculiar to particular places such as a shawl or a turban. American politicians, for example, don Indian headdress when visiting Oklahoma or baseball caps when inaugurating the World Series. But they don't wear trunks when attending swimming contests or go naked as guests of a nudist colony.

The propriety of President Macapagal's practice of putting on entire ethnic customs when visiting some indigenous peoples—and even participating in their tribal dances to the beat of gongs and cymbals—is at best debatable. Perhaps she enjoys doing these eccentric things, apart from the prospect that they would win her some votes. I personally would not endorse them, however, because I think they are cheap tactics unbecoming the highest official in the land.

But who am I against the seasoned political campaigner that is our current President of the Philippines?

Still, I have to take mild exception to her practice of eating with her fingers to show she is as democratic as the rest of us. For one thing, not all of the rest of us eschew fork and spoon as elitist and snobbish; in fact, the majority of the rest of us regard them as a customary and convenient way of taking our daily fish and rice. For another, they are more sanitary than using one's fingers to bring food to mouth, even assuming the hands have been previously washed.

A grandfather of mine related to me that during the early years of the American occupation, one of the projects undertaken by the government was the propagation of the fork and spook as eating utensils. He was one of many persons employed to roam the rural areas to instruct the townspeople on the use and benefits of the fork and spoon, which were gradually if somewhat uncomfortably accepted as parts of the modern society.

With our aristocratic President campaigning again into the backward areas of our country, she may be diminishing whatever success her government may have achieved in civilizing their inhabitants. They may think that eating with the fingers is the "in" thing again and using fork and spoon is passé, like the bow and arrow and the "*tinikling*." The only hitch is that they may have to buy more "*sabong hilaw*" to wash their hands before eating lest they contract dysentery or cholera.

If our lady candidate wants to ingratiate herself with the voters, she might try singing instead, provided her voice is at least bearable if not in fact melodious. She might warble "Dahil sa Iyo" like Imelda Marcos or "The Impossible Dream" like Ninoy Aquino and risk being despised or assassinated as the case may be. At any rate, singing is not as unsanitary as eating with one's fingers although it may be irritating to the captive audience.

She will naturally remember to use chopsticks when eating lauriat with the Chinese Filipinos, who can be generous with campaign contributions, especially if they are taipans.

Levity aside, I believe it is undignified of the President of the Philippines to eat with her fingers for the purpose only of getting some votes from her impressed onlookers. The people expect more from their Head of State, who must conduct herself with proper decorum as their embodiment and representative to the rest of the world. Eating with her fingers might give the impression that Filipinos do not know about the uses of the fork and spoon and still eat with their fingers in this new century.

Madam President, I hope you will respect your high office instead of debasing it by stooping to the level of your prospective voters still clinging to their backward ways. You are the symbol of the entire Filipino nation, including the modern and civilized, not only of the native tribes in their primitive hinterlands.

Sincere, humble and true

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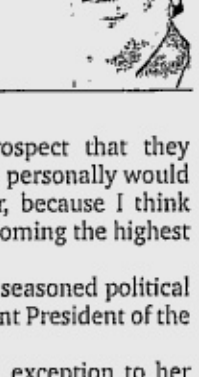

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

SOMEONE said that a boy's voice changes when he becomes a man, and a girl's voice changes when she becomes a wife!

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Some people change once they are in power or in authority. In today's Gospel (Mk. 10, 35-45) Jesus teaches us to remain humble and not to become like rulers and tyrants. True, greatness is not about titles and positions. Rather, it is about service and humility, about being available and being accessible. The son of man came not to be served, but to serve. I wonder how many people in authority are really of service. How about you? Are you in service of others or self-service?

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Today is the beatification of Mother Teresa. This was one woman who showed by her very life and example what true service is. Here was one person who did not talk or preach about love. She just did it. She had no hang ups about being a superior or being famous. She just served and loved to the max. That's why when she spoke, the world listened. When you speak and nobody seems to be listening, maybe you talk too much, and do not love enough.

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It's World Mission Sunday today. We remember with gratitude and prayer our missionaries who left home, country and family for the sake of the Gospel, braving deprivation, loneliness, and even persecution and death. These are people who truly love, and yet, the world never hears nor appreciates their labor and toils. But that too, is true greatness. To love and not count the cost of loving, not for the money nor for the show.

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It was a beautiful experience to have witnessed the canonization of Blessed Arnold Janssen, SVD, Blessed Joseph Freinademetz, SVD, and Blessed Daniel Comboni at St. Peter's Square last Oct. 5. These three men carried out Jesus' mandate to "Go to the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation" with untold sufferings and persecutions. They were misunderstood and were even considered fools in their lifetime. Now, they are declared saints of God. You who are famous and rich and powerful, and who find life easy now, careful, careful.

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It was a very touching experience for me to have visited the SVD Motherhouse at Steyl, Holland, where Arnold Janssen started the Mission House in 1875. From humble and simple beginnings, but with much prayer and love, the Arnoldus family has grown to be a big tree with about 6,000 SVD missionaries, about 4,000 SSpS missionaries and about 400 Pink Sisters all over the world. Kneeling before the tomb of Saint Arnold, I was close to tears as I thanked him and remembered my seminary days, particularly our teachers and formators who toiled in the Philippines. They taught us discipline and missionary zeal by their exemplary lives. One can only imagine their sacrifices when they left Europe or America for the missions. When they said their goodbye, it must have been with the thought of never going back again, but, with the hope of meeting again—in heaven.

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We had the chance to visit the simple room where St. Arnold Janssen died. What struck me was his table-bed. According to our guide, Fr. Tony Pates, SVD, a Filipino missionary now assigned in Holland, Father Arnold, because of scarcity of funds, had a table made which was convertible to a bed by lifting up the table top. The more I thought about it, I realized not only the practical genius of the man, but his deep spirituality as well. One can imagine the volume of work Saint Arnold had to do on his table, but, when the day was done, he would set everything all aside, leave all to God, and sleep in a bed which was more like a coffin. For me, it showed the deep trust of the man in God in this life and in the life to come. Saint Arnold really worked as if everything depended upon him, and prayed as if everything depended upon God.

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Talking about missionaries of old, I met in Rome Fr. Stan Plutz, a humble, simple, soft-spoken American SVD missionary widely known for his zeal and piety. But what makes Father Stan special is his special love for our founder. It was he who worked hard and quietly for the canonization of Arnold Janssen through his research publications and devotions. It was he who initiated the investigation of the healing of Pamela Avellanosa from Baguio City. And all this he did quietly and without much fanfare. Father Stan is now retired, and back in the United States, but many Filipinos will long remember this simple, humble, prayerful and joyful missionary. In the end, people may forget a person's great deeds and fine words, but they will never forget his/her kindness and good examples.

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See you on Oct. 25 for the Walk with God to Manaoag Church. Let's all walk and pray together for three hours to thank the Lord and to ask the Lord for His blessings through the most powerful intercession of Our Lady of Manaoag. Let us pray especially for the gift of generosity and humility to do our mission for Him. In a special way, let us pray for peace in our families, and for good and self-sacrificing leaders for our country. Amen!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to stay humble, loving, sincere and true as I serve you. Amen.

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Mother Teresa makes it in six years

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

ONE of the priceless mementos of my stint at the Bureau of Customs is a short, personal note which Mother Teresa sent in November 1982. It was "for the many times you have helped my sisters to release their shipments of relief goods from our benefactors overseas. Without this help, we would not be able to help our poor to the extent that we can." Earlier, Mother Teresa had visited our office at the Port Area accompanied by other white-clad Missionaries of Charity from the Tondo House on Tayuman Street. For our people at the bureau, it was a special day.

Not very many, among the high and mighty in our society, would bother to drop a note of appreciation for an assistance extended, much less make a personal visit to express their gratitude, as Mother Teresa did.

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Today, Pope John Paul II presides over the beatification rites at the Vatican for Mother Teresa. Just six years after her death, she is to be elevated to the status of "blessed," the final step before canonization or sainthood. No one has ever been beatified in so short a period. Until now, Josemaria Escriva, founder of the Opus Dei, held the record. He was beatified 17 years after his death and canonized 10 years later in 2002.

When Mother Teresa passed away in September 1997, there were calls from around the world urging instant canonization. But the Pope, determined not to cast doubts on his actions, preferred to let the process run its course. Again, last summer, a number of cardinals called on the Pontiff to proceed simultaneously with beatification and canonization ceremonies. They were also turned down. Incidentally, the current Pope is responsible for the canonization of 476 saints, more than those canonized by his predecessors over the past 500 years combined.

In the investigations conducted in support of Mother Teresa's elevation to sainthood, various accusations against her were brought to light and examined. A Newsweek magazine article mentioned Mother Teresa's refusal to allow sisters in her order to use appliances for washing their clothes. Nor would she allow bulk purchases of milk and other foodstuff to save time. In her view, her sisters should live like the poor saying, "I took a vow of poverty, not efficiency."

In a highly controversial book, "The Missionary Position: Mother Teresa in Theory and Practice" by Christopher Hitchens, she is accused of being a "pious hypocrite", cozying up to dictators and convicted embezzlers and "failing to fight the institutions and structures of injustice that made the poor needy in the first place." Her defenders argued that her role was to assist individuals and not bring about social change. One conclusion: No one is perfect, not even a saint.

Commenting on their deaths, Pope John Paul II is reported to have said, "It was providential that Mother Teresa died at the same time as Diana, [Princess of Wales]." It illustrated, in the words of a friend, "the contrast between the hollow beatification that comes from modern secular celebrity and the true holiness of discipleship. Mother Teresa embodied many of the central themes of his pontificate—the defense of life, the defense of the family, concern for the poor, the dignity of women and the human rights of the humblest of men and women." (Recounted in "Witness to Hope" by George Weigel)

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In 1979, Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize. Many organizations—governmental and non-governmental—held receptions and ceremonies to congratulate her.

The story is told that in Calcutta, her home city, the state government honored her with an open-air reception, with television crews from several countries and hundreds of leading journalists in attendance. An informal press conference then took place with one journalist commenting, "Mother, you must now consider yourself a citizen of the world." She answered, "I am a citizen of India."

An Indian newspaperman took her up on her answer, "Do you really consider yourself an Indian?"

Mother Teresa replied, "Yes, and I feel Indian to the most profound depths of my soul but there is a difference. You are an Indian by accident (of birth); I am an Indian by choice." (She was born Agnes Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Albania.)

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Recalling the life of Mother Teresa just weeks after her death, Pope John Paul II remarked, "I hope she will be a saint." Perhaps, this would seem to indicate that he was not too sure about being around for this event but today's beatification rites puts her on the fast track to sainthood.

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Last Friday, the UAAP press corps handed out its annual awards at the SCOOP sa Kamayan West in Quezon City. The event, organized by print media members covering the 66th UAAP basketball season, honored, among others, three winners of the Rafael "Paeng" Hechanova sportsmanship award. The Senior trophy went to Ateneo's Larry Fonacier, while La Salle's Lope Juban III and UP's Camille Dowling won in the Junior and Women's categories, respectively.

Hechanova, a former Helsinki Olympian and UST cage great, personally handed out the trophies, after which he expressed the hope that the sportsmanship awards would now be institutionalized in order to help inculcate among the athletes strong moral values not only in sports but in all other aspects of their lives. The award reinforces the views I expressed in an earlier column about Fonacier. He is not just a clutch player, but also a role model for the younger people in any sport.

Education as freedom

COMMENTARY

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NORMAN Dennis Marquez, MD, teaches full time as the associate chair of the Department of Biology at the Ateneo de Manila University. On the side, for the past 10 years, he has practiced medicine through his own "socialized" clinic.

Since his childhood days, Marquez was expected to rise to the top. Bright and talented, he graduated as the class valedictorian in the Sto. Niño Elementary School, with a special award as the best student in math and science. Despite all this however, Marquez doubted that he could go far. The reason was simple: his family was poor. His parents couldn't afford good and quality education for him.

Then came the late Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. Back in the '70s, when the Ateneo was looking for a way to teach its students from well-to-do families how to be concerned with the plight of the poor in the country, Father OB, as he was fondly called by friends, came up with a bright idea—a pioneering one in his time: Why not let the Ateneo high school students tutor students from public elementary schools? In the process, the Ateneans would provide real aid to the public school students, but more importantly, in the interaction, the Ateneans would have a first-hand experience and encounter of the poverty situation in the country. The idea seemed doable and fitted rightly in the values-formation objective of the Ateneo education. The program came to be known as "Tulong-Dunong," roughly translated as "educational aid." Today, the seniors of the Ateneo high school continue to tutor on a weekly basis their "kids" in the public elementary schools of Marikina.

Marquez was one of the students under the "Tulong-Dunong" program. Looking back at the impact of the program in his life, he wrote: "The 'Tulong-Dunong' program provided a lot of opportunities that would not have been readily available to most of us. For instance, the tutoring sessions with our '*kuyas*' every week opened the doors for interaction with 'strangers' who cared so much. The genuine concern of these affluent strangers made lasting, if not permanent, impressions on us kids of poor families. At a young age, the impact on me was that class barriers were not so solid after all; and that people can really work together regardless of socio-economic differences. Also, Tulong-Dunong was a realization that charity need not be demeaning to the recipient. The tutors' act of charity did not stress on their superiority but rather, boosted our confidence. When they listened attentively every time we recited, we felt we were worth their time. When they arranged a field trip for us, it was not to show off those places they had seen but to share experiences and spend time and have fun together."

The tutoring program, however, was just half of the story. Eventually, Father OB had to contend with the question of what to do with the bright and talented students in the public schools. In conscience, he could not just leave them to the public school system and see their talents laid to waste. It was then that courageously, with the help of friends and benefactors, he started the "Tulong-Dunong" scholarship program. With the funds he was able to gather, Father OB was able to help deserving public school students obtain the quality education that private schools provided. Many of these poor students found their way into Ateneo, St. Scholastica's Academy and Miriam College. Marquez found his way to the Ateneo high school where he graduated with honors. Then he moved on to the other side of the campus, the college, and the rest is history.

There are many more deserving and promising students like Marquez. And yet, Father OB is long gone. His friends and former "Tulong-Dunong" scholars have managed to sustain the scholarship he started, trying to raise P1 million a year for the "Tulong-Dunong" scholars. In recent years however, the funds have dwindled. From 40 scholars per year, they can now just send 20. They fear the day when they may have to stop the scholarship program due to lack of funding. Like their good mentor Father OB did, they are now courageously scrambling for funds to help continue a program that has benefited a lot of poor but deserving students in the public schools.

Amartya Sen, winner of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Economic Science, writes that the end of development is freedom. And yet the means to development are also "freedoms." Undoubtedly, these "instrumental freedom" include education. "Freedoms," he writes, "are not only the primary ends of development, they are also among its principal means. We have to understand the remarkable connection that links freedoms of different kinds with one another. Political freedoms in the form of free speech and elections help to promote economic security. Social opportunities in the form of basic education and health facilities facilitate economic participation... this freedom-centered understanding of economics and of the process of development is very much an agent-oriented view. With adequate social opportunities, individuals can effectively shape their own destiny and help each other."

These wise words have found echoes in the lives of Norman Dennis Marquez and the many scholars that Father OB's "Tulong Dunong" scholarship program has helped through the years. With the freedom that education has given them, they are now active and productive agents of society. They are the best argument that Father OB's dream is helping this nation achieve its development goals. They are the best argument that the "Tulong-Dunong" scholarship fund deserves all the help it now desperately needs. (If you wish to help, please contact Gemma Yecla of the Ateneo High School at 426-6001 loc 6294/6155.)

My favorite footage

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

I BET that most Filipinos who followed by radio or TV the coverage of the brief state visit of US President George W. Bush will say that their favorite footage is the one showing First Lady Laura Bush with schoolchildren at the Kalayaan Hall.

I was on the road while the event was taking place, and so could follow it only through radio. But even so, I was charmed. At first, I wondered why the coverage had been interrupted by what sounded like a nursery rhyme tape, until my driver told me it was really the American First Lady reading aloud from a book. But it wasn't Mrs. Bush's schoolmarmish reading that won me over. Rather, it was the short performance put on by the children, telling her the "story of the bamboo."

As the reporter and anchor person of dzRH remarked, the children were certainly impressive, what with their clipped and competent English enunciation. But what made me smile was when a young girl brought the event to a close with "And that is the story of the bamboo, Mrs. Bush." She sounded forthright and confident, and I thought, well, if we're looking for moments defining the "maturity" of the new relationship between the Philippines and the United States, this was one such moment. I'll vote that girl for President should she stand for election someday!

The children had been gathered at the Malacañang grounds since nine that morning, lining the manicured lawns to give the visitor a glimpse of Philippine hospitality. And the gambit apparently paid off, since "Papa Dubya" went out of his way to acknowledge the children's presence, even veering away from the red carpet security route to shake their hands and ask a few questions.

It wasn't just the children who were putting on a charm offensive.

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AS I write this, the American President has yet to arrive at the Batasan where he's scheduled to address the joint houses of Congress. Most observers say that President Bush's most significant pronouncements in this eight-hour visit will be made during the Congress Address.

What promises will President Bush hold out to the rest of the continent, as he seeks to gather Asian support to make up for the sparse support that Europe, for instance, is willing to throw America's way?

I doubt very much if, by addressing the Philippine Congress, Bush would win over the likes of Mahathir Mohammad, who has used his "anti-American" stance to great local and international effect. Even with the rejection of the US bases agreement and the closure of Subic and Clark, the rest of the region has always looked on the Philippines as little more than a stooge of the United States. And the actions and pronouncements of President Macapagal-Arroyo since the start of the Iraq invasion have done little to allay their contempt and may even have reinforced it.

We are, after all, surrounded by countries with Muslim majorities, and the alacrity with which the Philippine government jumped into the fray with Iraq could only have increased our isolation and alienation from our neighbors who have always looked on our country as an aberrant nation in this part of the world.

So, good luck, Mr. Bush. May you find the long plane trip and the visit to our shores—made against the voiced concerns of your closest advisers, we're told—worth the aggravation and the sight of those protesters burning your effigy along Commonwealth Avenue.

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WHAT if he came and we just ignored him? Thousands of column inches and feet of film, hours (maybe days) of combined radio-TV coverage have been spent tracking not just the visit itself but the weeks and days of preparation, informing the Filipino public of everything—from the schedule of the visiting Americans to the menu at Malacañang, to the design and color of the President's *terno* at the state dinner.

Media coverage has a way of creating news where otherwise there would be none. I think a lot of the action and reaction swirling around the Bush visit have been stirred by the anticipatory coverage of Philippine media. Organizations and personalities, for varying reasons, have chosen to jump on to the fevered attention paid to this (less than) one-day event by speaking out on their causes and concerns.

The American President seems to have been transformed into a strip of litmus paper against whom one's nationalism, patriotism, commitment to peace and to other social causes like environmental protection and reproductive rights, is to be tested. Are you for the Bush visit or not? Do you like Bush or not? These questions have become political shorthand for testing one's stance on the ideological spectrum. And for this reason, I say we have yet to fully cut the umbilical cord that ties us to America.

Why couldn't we have treated the visit of the American President in the same way we treat other visiting heads of state—with public and media indifference, if truth be told. We aren't much interested in foreign governments and countries, unless that country is the United States.

So whether fawning or foaming-at-the-mouth, our reactions say only one thing about us: We still measure ourselves against the mirror of American interest, even when that mirror has long ceased to reflect back its image on to us.

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CORRECTION. In my column last Friday, I said that Rep. Prospero Pichay of Surigao del Sur was among the members of the House Committee on Health who voted against HB 4110 or the Reproductive Health Care Bill. Pichay was absent during the Executive Session of Oct. 7, and it was Rep. Emerito Calderon, party-list representative for Cocofed, who cast the negative vote.

The Bush visit

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

GEORGE W. Bush Jr. has come to Asia not to give away but to solicit money, not to deploy more American troops but to ask the governments of the region to send their own soldiers to secure Iraq, a country it destroyed and occupied. The president of the most powerful country in the world has come not so much to display power as to seek a cover for the crude exercise of its imperial might.

The prime object of this campaign is Japan, not the Philippines, whose President, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, obediently dispatched Philippine peacekeepers to Iraq way ahead of any United Nations request. Japan has not fought a war since World War II. Its constitution forbids the deployment of its highly equipped Self Defense Forces outside Japan. Any attempt to flex its military muscle is quickly perceived by the rest of Asia as a revival of Japanese militarism. Bush is pushing hard to bring Japan on board. But Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi is also facing an election, and despite his popularity, he is not rushing to commit Japanese troops to Iraq without a UN mandate lest he be tagged an American puppet.

The UN mandate came the other day in the form of a resolution unanimously approved by the 15-member UN Security Council. The resolution encourages member nations of the UN to lend a helping hand in the rehabilitation and restoration of order in Iraq. It also concedes to Secretary General Kofi Annan some authority to oversee Iraq's transition to self-rule.

America regards this resolution as somewhat of a coup. By ensuring the support of at least nine members, the minimum number required to pass a resolution, the United States made a veto by any of the big powers awkward. Not wanting to appear outmaneuvered, France, Russia and China were left with no choice but to join the rest in a unanimous vote after offering a few revisions on the US draft. Still, they made it clear they were not sending troops to Iraq as long as that country remained under American occupation.

But America has every reason to celebrate the unanimous resolution. Since March this year, when it went into Iraq without UN authority, invoking a dubious right to wage a preemptive war in self-defense, America has been an outlaw state. Its unilateral invasion of Iraq set a dangerous precedent in a volatile world of highly unequal states. But the prospect of a lone superpower playing the role of a global police, and the financial and military burden this implied, did not particularly appeal to the ordinary American. Occupying Iraq has proved more complex than invading it. More US soldiers have died in Iraq after the war than during the actual invasion. Americans are now asking: If our presence in Iraq is a just cause, how come only our soldiers are fighting and dying there for democracy?

The warrant that America has desperately sought for its war on Iraq is finally in its hands even if this has come late. It makes it easier for countries like Japan to send troops to Iraq as part of an authorized international contingent. But it comes with a price. The exchange deal is access to the American market and a cut in the lucrative business of rebuilding Iraq. The United States cannot hold Iraq indefinitely, or control its resources as if it were its colony. It has to share with the rest of the world what Iraq has to offer. More importantly, it is now obliged to put a definite time frame to the writing of a new Iraqi constitution and the replacement of the US-handpicked Iraqi governing council by a new set of independently elected leaders.

Stripped down to its essence, the purpose of Bush's visit is to ask Asians to help rebuild Iraq from the ashes of war and to relieve American soldiers of the menial job of policing a society whose social fabric has been destroyed. In this regard, his rhetoric as self-appointed champion of democracy and as leader of the global war on terrorism won't be as persuasive as the bilateral trade agreements he dangles.

The failure of US inspectors to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq has made America's invasion of Iraq appear increasingly unjustified. In the eyes of the world, the US-led war on terrorism now seems nothing more than a warrant for imperial expansion. The genuine sympathy that people everywhere showered upon America after Sept. 11 has turned into contempt. People wonder how a great nation could allow itself to be manipulated by a thoughtless and irresponsible president and the cabal of shrewd businessmen he represents.

None of this, of course, means anything to President Macapagal, who prides herself in being among the first heads of state to enlist in the Bush-led posse against the Saddam Hussein regime. Philippine foreign policy under her presidency has been a steady reversal of whatever progress previous administrations had made toward cutting the American umbilical cord. We are back to the days when the United States chose our presidents for us, when our people could not imagine a life without Uncle Sam.

Thus, we are treated to the sad spectacle of a Filipino President seeking an electoral mandate by shamelessly presenting herself, in the memorable words of Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, as a "first class citizen of the United States." Of the many faults that the Macapagal administration has committed in the last two years and a half, this barefaced subservience to the United States is perhaps ultimately the most injurious to the life of our nation.

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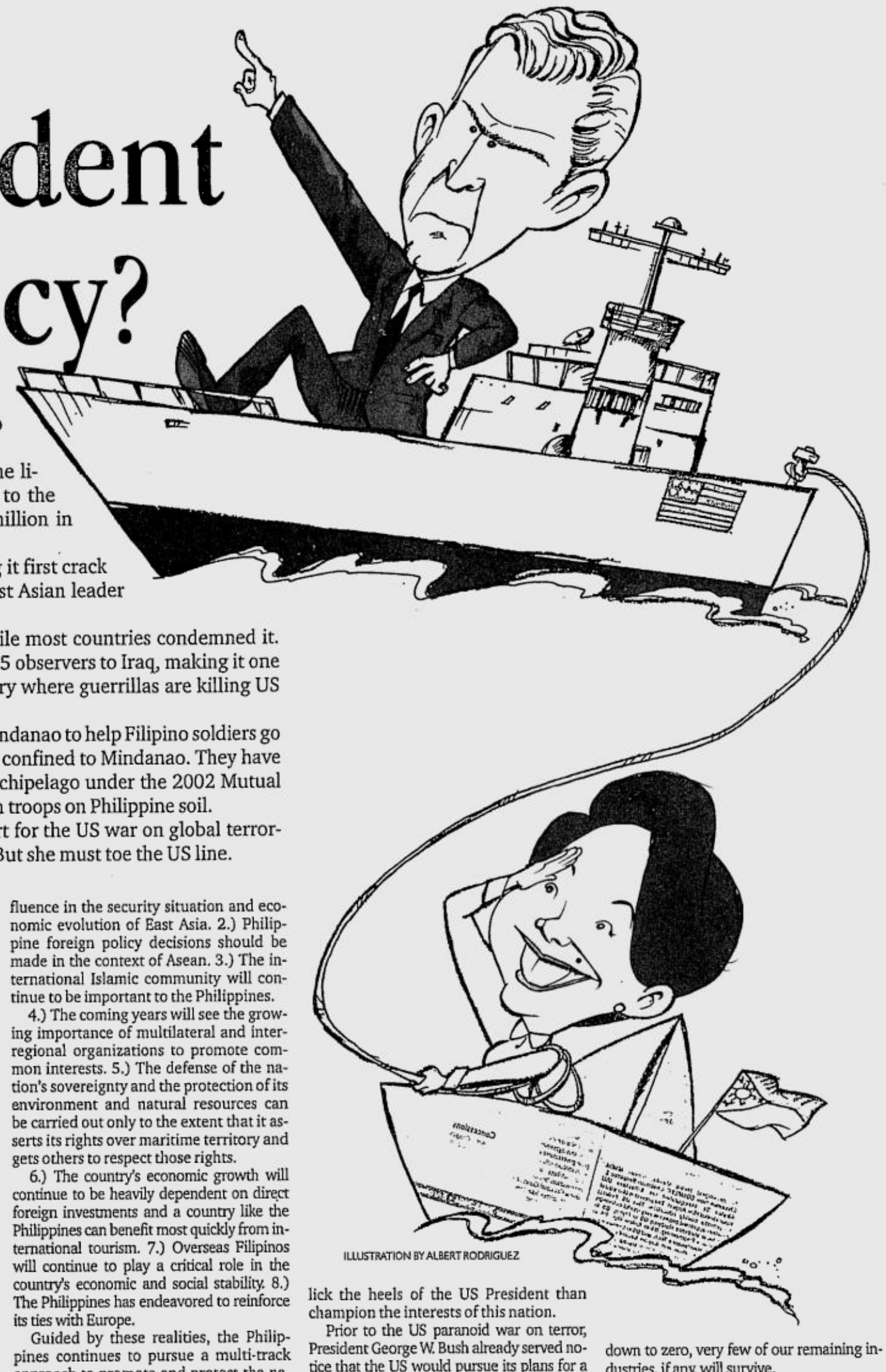
TALK *of the* TOWN

Do we have an independent foreign policy?



FOR endorsing United States President George W. Bush's preemptive war on global terrorism, President Macapagal-Arroyo is being rewarded with US aid.

Among the Southeast Asian countries, the Philippines is getting the lion's share of US economic and military assistance. US military aid to the Philippines has increased from $38.03 million in 2001 to $94.50 million in 2002 and to $114.46 million this year.

The US has even declared the country a major non-Nato ally, giving it first crack at US military equipment. In addition, Ms Macapagal became the first Asian leader invited by Bush for a state visit in May.

The Philippines, for its part, supported the US invasion of Iraq while most countries condemned it. Responding to Bush's appeal to the UN for help, the Philippines sent 95 observers to Iraq, making it one of the few countries with men in the US-occupied Middle East country where guerrillas are killing US troops almost every other day.

Before the US invasion of Iraq, Ms Macapagal invited US troops to Mindanao to help Filipino soldiers go after the Abu Sayyaf, which the US links to al-Qaida. US forces are not confined to Mindanao. They have been granted access to Philippine military facilities throughout the archipelago under the 2002 Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement, although the Constitution bans foreign troops on Philippine soil.

Clearly, Ms Macapagal has succeeded in using the country's support for the US war on global terrorism as leverage in extracting economic and military aid from the US. But she must toe the US line.

Foreign policy should foster peace

By Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez Jr.
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No nation can afford to be an island. Each government has a foreign affairs office and cannot but have policies guiding relations with other nations near and far.

But relations with other countries express the state of a nation, either truly sovereign and independent, or not.

The existence of a government in a nation is no guarantee for true autonomy. In our world, we are aware of nations with their own flag and government yet subservient to other nations. Foreign policy is a gauge for determining the degree of autonomy of a nation.

Is the Philippines truly enjoying the state of being a sovereign country in the family of nations?

A way to answer this is to review our foreign policies, especially in relation to the powerful countries of the world. To what extent are our foreign (and sad to say, even our national and internal) policies expressive of our capability to stand on our own and withstand the dictates of other governments?

Interdependence among nations is essential for the survival, well-being and progress of any country. Interdependence is not subservience. Neither is it domination. Interdependence is the healthy realization that nations need one another for true peace and development of all.

Basically, foreign policies touch on the fostering of peace or avoidance of war and on the setting up of an international community for the attainment of the universal common goal.

A prestigious meeting of religious leaders stated: "Unless enmities and hatred are put away, and firm, honest agreements concerning world peace are reached in the future, humanity, which already is in the middle of a grave crisis, even though it is endowed with remarkable knowledge, will perhaps be brought to that dismal hour in which it will experience no peace other than the dreadful peace of death."

Unpeace has many faces: "the use of terrorism is regarded as a new way to wage war."

Foreign accords among nations target cooperation for an economic order for all.

The same body avers: "If an authentic economic order is to be established on a worldwide basis, an end will have to be just put to profiteering, to national ambitions, to the appetite for political supremacy, to militaristic calculations, and to machinations for the sake of spreading and imposing ideologies."

The Department of Foreign Affairs and our legislators have the responsibility to review our foreign policies so that they may truly reflect the Philippines as a nation worthy of respect and capable of contributing to the achievement of peace and of international economic order favorable to all countries.

They must be able to recognize policies that are dictated upon us by imperialistic countries and to reassess their real worth and change them with policies in consonance with our dignity as a republic.

We are too subservient

By Sen. Manuel Villar
Chair, Senate foreign affairs committee

The country should pursue an independent foreign policy. Our policy right now is based on fear. Whether it is with Malaysia, China, Japan or the United States, our policy is always based on fear.

We are too subservient. We do not get material support or respect from this kind of foreign policy.

Ours promote national interest

By Julia C. Heidemann
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President Macapagal-Arroyo has clearly delineated the role of foreign policy in building a strong republic. Under her decisive leadership, the Philippines has increased its prominence in world affairs as evidenced by our active presence in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the United Nations and its agencies, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec), and in our bilateral ties with other countries.

The geopolitical importance of the Philippines rose to new heights when the President joined the coalition against terror, without hesitation and doubt as to the morality of its cause. Being the first Asian leader to do so, she became the symbol of democracy in Asia, gaining the respect of key players in world affairs.

The Philippine position against terrorism was not foisted upon us. It was a position taken by the President herself after carefully considering where our national interest lies. This is the very essence of an independent foreign policy. The President of the Philippines sets the directions on how our republic should engage its partners, guided solely by the yardstick of our national interest.

Philippine diplomacy continues to gather its strength from the clarity of the President's position on many issues. In the recently concluded Cancun Conference of the World Trade Organization, the Philippines joined other developing countries in calling on wealthier nations to consider the needs and capabilities of Third World countries. In the forthcoming Apec meeting, the Philippines intends to follow up on its earlier initiatives on maritime regional security. Soon, we are poised to become a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, the highest UN policy making council.

During the start of her term, the President enumerated eight realities which guide our foreign policy:

1.) China, Japan and the US and their relationships will be the determining influence in the security situation and economic evolution of East Asia. 2.) Philippine foreign policy decisions should be made in the context of Asean. 3.) The international Islamic community will continue to be important to the Philippines.

4.) The coming years will see the growing importance of multilateral and interregional organizations to promote common interests. 5.) The defense of the nation's sovereignty and the protection of its environment and natural resources can be carried out only to the extent that it asserts its rights over maritime territory and gets others to respect those rights.

6.) The country's economic growth will continue to be heavily dependent on direct foreign investments and a country like the Philippines can benefit most quickly from international tourism. 7.) Overseas Filipinos will continue to play a critical role in the country's economic and social stability. 8.) The Philippines has endeavored to reinforce its ties with Europe.

Guided by these realities, the Philippines continues to pursue a multi-track approach to promote and protect the national interest in this era of globalization. Philippine relations with Asean, Europe, the United States, China, Japan, and all other countries are determined solely by how to strengthen these ties for the good of the Filipino people without compromising our national sovereignty.

The Philippines is a global nation. We have seven million documented and undocumented Filipinos in at least 100 nations all over the world. The skills of these Filipino migrants are highly valued and respected. Within the country, they are attended to by several government agencies. Once they leave our borders, it is our diplomacy with these nations and adherence to international laws that ensure their protection.

Our foreign policy can neither be isolationist nor be tailor-made to suit another country's agenda. It has to firmly stand on the pillars of democracy, with prejudice toward no one, guided solely by what is best for our people.

Ties to US define our policy

By Gus Miclat
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Our relationship with the United States has usually defined our entire foreign policy. This was particularly true since the Cold War era. We were unabashedly lodged in the camp of capitalist "democracy" led by the US versus the camp of the "evil empire" of the then socialist Soviet Union.

It is still true today even if we have succeeded in asserting our sovereignty for a fleeting moment in 1992 when the Senate booted out the US military bases from the country. Even then, the government was not unified on that move and in 1999, a new Senate ratified a Visiting Forces Agreement that practically welcomed the US armed forces back to our shores. And with the current US doctrine of "if you're not with us, you're against us" global war on terror, our puny leaders would rather lick the heels of the US President than champion the interests of this nation.

Prior to the US paranoid war on terror, President George W. Bush already served notice that the US would pursue its plans for a missile defense umbrella. It is still attempting to revise a key 1972 treaty banning the deployment of such anti-missile systems. All international security treaties were based on the 1972 accord but the Bush administration claims that the treaty is no longer valid.

Erstwhile rival Russia and even key European allies are concerned over this throwback to American bullying days. While over 80 countries strongly reiterate support to the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty, not a whimper was heard from the Philippine government on this issue. The ABM treaty is a cornerstone of strategic stability and an important foundation for international efforts on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

Economically, we have an unequal relationship with the Americans. We have bowed to the whims of US corporations and US fiscal policy. This administration is so blinded by its loyalty to Bush that it goes gaga over crumbs thrown our way, like the $30 million for Mindanao and the old helicopters to be turned over to our military.

Our balance of trade is heavily stacked in US favor and we are still under the mercy of the US-dominated World Trade Organization statutes.

Never mind that our trade officials trumpet that we allied with China and the other developing nations in Cancun and are spinning this as if we had all the while been in the anti-liberalization camp. What is not given play is that we were pitifully hedging on the sidelines and only opted to place our bets when the Cancun independent tide was about to vanquish all pretenses of negotiations.

We have a foreign policy that has no spine at all. Our government has even allowed itself to be the extension of Bill Gates and Hollywood in its zeal to implement alleged intellectual property rights edicts by concocting rigid laws against innovative local software and video copy production.

Through import liberalization, the US-led globalization has already wreaked havoc on Philippine manufacturing and agriculture during the last six years. We are now an import-dependent nation. If our target rates are not rolled back to the 1997 levels and the tariffs on imported raw materials are not cut down to zero, very few of our remaining industries, if any, will survive.

What our industries in manufacturing and agriculture need are not safety nets. They should not be allowed to fall at all. What they need is the opportunity to make themselves competitive before globalization devours us all.

Can this government embark on a more enlightened and vibrant foreign policy? Or will our foreign relations continue to be based on mendicancy, placating bullies and tyrants, and remain haughty with our own people abroad?

Ironically, the region's civil societies have specially looked upon us as the champion of human rights in the neighborhood. But our own wishy-washy policy on Burma—if we ever have one at all—may have sent a signal that this government will perpetuate the seemingly obsolete Association of Southeast Asian Nations tenet of "constructive engagement" with the ruling generals in Rangoon. The Philippines could have naturally led the Asean in nudging Rangoon to democratize or to at least be less fascistic.

Even then, this government needs to be continuously engaged in the conduct of its foreign affairs. It has to be done tirelessly in other arenas, be they in the media, in the streets and most importantly in the hearts and minds of our peoples. After all, the people should be their own diplomats.

Indeed, this government can embark on a foreign policy path that will help regain respect for us not only among our neighbors but also with the entire community of nations. It can do so boldly. Or slowly, but surely.

Or it can choose to seek refuge in the status quo. Where we are at best politely accepted as a member of the international community. We should put our house in order first and achieve respect among ourselves before we expect others to do so.

The bottom line is that our foreign relations should be an extension of our own reality. It should reflect the resolve of our leaders in charting an independent policy direction fashioned from a fealty to its own people. It should emulate a society where equity, justice and tolerance are the norms of our life. It should be a celebration of our nationhood.

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Chopper-riding GSIS execs face broken vows

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—There can't be any "apply-today-receive-tomorrow" policy after all.

Officials of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) here admitted on Friday they could not cope with the one-day processing of loans as ordered by GSIS president and general manager Winston Garcia.

Francisco Cahimari, GSIS acting branch manager here, said it was normal that the heavy volume of applications for the Emergency Loan Assistance (ELA) from members, and the transition to the computerized system, have slowed down their operations.

"That (one-day processing) may be possible if applications arrive one at a time. But in this kind of a situation when we are flooded with thousands (of loan applications), we cannot definitely abide with that (directive)," he said.

More than 12,000 or 90 percent of 13,600 GSIS members in Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino and Ifugao have availed themselves of the ELA, Cahimari said.

He issued the statement in reaction to complaints from government workers who, banking on Garcia's pronouncements, had expected to receive their loans a day after filing their applications.

Since Monday, government workers here have filed loan applications for the ELA worth P10,000, payable within two years with a 10-percent interest.

Employees of the provincial government on Friday waited—many of them had stopped working—and anticipated the release of their loans. They earlier received information that their loan applications had been approved and that checks were ready for release.

Many of them, however, went home disappointed.

Even with its computerized system, the GSIS branch here processes an average of 500 checks a day, provided that their equipment would not malfunction.

"So if we have around 12,000 applications, (processing) would take us at least 18 days, provided we do overtime (work)," Cahimari said.

Add to this volume, Cahimari said, is the large number of loan applications as Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino have been declared under a state of calamity due to the onslaught of Typhoon "Harurot."

Cahimari, however, dismissed speculations that the GSIS offered the ELA to quell mounting dissent among members over allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the GSIS.

Quoting a directive from Garcia, Cahimari said the ELA offer was made "to assist (the members) in their financial need in time for the payment of tuition for the second semester (of the school year)."

"But we could say that this is also to prove that the GSIS has enough funds to serve its members, contrary to speculations that it's broke," Cahimari said.

GSIS workers in Dagupan, San Fernando and Baguio cities went home frustrated after Garcia did not show up in their dialogue in Dagupan City on Friday.

The employees were upset when GSIS Dagupan manager Nieva Talon announced that Garcia could not attend because the helicopter could not take him to the city due to heavy rains in Metro Manila.

Talon said Garcia was about to board the helicopter with nine other GSIS officials but the bad weather prevented them.

An argument almost broke out when Talon prevented a National Food Authority employee from reading a prepared position paper.

Melvin Gascon and Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

MILF vows to try thieves before Shariah courts

MATI, Davao Oriental—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front vowed to bring before a Shariah court the seven suspected thieves who were recently arrested in the boundaries of Mati and Taragona towns.

Abdulqahir Yussof, spokesperson of the MILF's Eastern Davao Committee, told reporters here that if the court would find the suspects guilty as charged, they will be executed by firing squad.

The suspects were believed to be behind the series of robberies in passenger buses and jeepneys plying this town and Tarragona.

"They (highway robbers) are bringing the name of the MILF, making the people believe that we are engaged in banditry. We have already warned these criminals to stop their activities but they defied our orders," Yussof said.

Five of the seven suspects are Muslims while two others are members of the Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Units under the Philippine Army's 8th Special Forces Battalion. *Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Cops shun Nueva Vizcaya posting

By Melvin Gascon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

CAMP SATURNINO DUMLAO, Nueva Vizcaya—What does it take for Nueva Vizcaya to attract police officers?

Police officials here lamented observations that the province has become a less likable place of assignment for police officers.

Senior Supt. Jesus Manubay, provincial police director, said the Philippine National Police still needs at least 10 officers, with ranks of inspector (lieutenant) and higher to fill up positions of police chiefs and administrative staff.

"The positions are there for the taking but nobody seems to be interested," he said.

Police stations of at least seven of the 15 towns in the province are now being headed by lower ranking officers-in-charge. Other officers have assumed dual positions in Manubay's administrative staff.

Recently, Manubay said, the PNP regional office ordered about 10 police officers to report to Nueva Vizcaya, only to be eventually re-assigned to other provinces.

"I just learned later that they (police officers) preferred, and found ways to be stationed in Isabela and Cagayan instead," he said.

Asked what could be the officers' reasons, Manubay said: "*Sabi naman nila, wala daw kita; mahirap daw ang buhay dito* (They say they do not earn here; that life's difficult here)."

Manubay declined to elaborate, but a police official here revealed that the absence of "government-sanctioned" illegal numbers game in the province, which was a source of "extra income" for policemen, had prompted police officers to shun Nueva Vizcaya.

"They're just being practical. Who would want to be assigned to a place where you'd end up starving?" the official said.

The shortage of officers, according to Manubay, has been complicated by the recent relief of three chiefs of police in three towns after investigations confirmed the existence of "guerrilla-type" (clandestine) jueteng operations in at least four Nueva Vizcaya towns.

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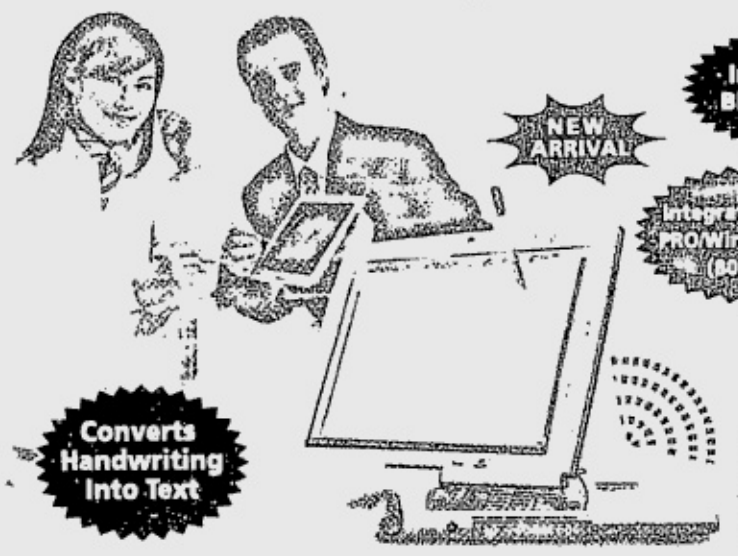

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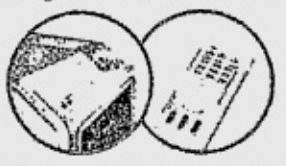

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Rufino said these political parties, which claimed to be the third force, might also land third place in the 2004 elections.

Rufino said the Lakas-CMD had long been anticipating the departure of Reporma, Promdi and Aksyon Demokratiko from the coalition.

He said former Cebu Gov. Emilio Osmeña, Promdi chair, had been very antagonistic and vocal against Lakas-CMD.

Osmeña, he added, was even initiating the expulsion of Lakas-CMD from the PPC. It was a good thing that the three political parties later decided to leave the coalition, he added.

"It's good *na umalis na sila upang wala nang plastikan*," he said.

Rufino added that Osmeña and even Renato de Villa of Reporma had been siding with former education secretary Raul Roco of Aksyon Demokratiko.

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SYMBOLS
Militants in Baguio City continued their protests against the visit of US President Bush well into the last few hours before the arrival of the US leader. Using oversized paper dolls, the leftists continued to harp on their themes of US intervention.

DENR, Baguio mayor sued over Ibaloi huts

BAGUIO CITY—For demolishing and allegedly stealing four authentically-built Ibaloi huts meant for the souvenir market, a company dealing in artifacts sued on Thursday the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Baguio Mayor Bernardo Vergara for theft and grave abuse of authority.

The Solomon Carantes Center for Art Living and Environment Foundation Inc. (CCALTE) also demanded in a separate civil case that the city government and the DENR redeem them P1 in damages, on top of the P350,000 it cost them to build four huts according to the prescriptions of indigenous Ibaloi hut experts.

Andrew Carantes, the foundation's president, said they wanted to prove that the foundation was taking the high moral road.

He said the huts were not covered by standard building regulations because "they were transferable and (were) not permanent huts."

"In fact, these Ibaloi huts were only displayed on the site because they were for sale (being) artifacts . . . This claim would be proven by (photographs indicating) that the huts were just (nestled) on the ground, and were not even embedded on the (earth)," said the CCALTE complaint.

The foundation, on the other hand, is covered by all other city permits, he said.

The huts were placed on display in a highly-contested property near Camp John Hay. The lot is found inside the DENR Ecosystems Research and Development Services (ERDS) Compound, according to Isais Barongan, DENR Cordillera director, who warned CCALTE in August this year that they were squatting on government land.

Vergara also ordered the demolition of the huts, based on Barongan's complaint.

But the Carantes family had acquired a Certificate of Ancestral Land Claims (CALC) for the lot from the DENR in 1999, and had used the document as basis to stake their claim, CCALTE said its affidavit.

Carantes said he had appealed Vergara's order, by explaining the character of the huts. He said one of the huts was ready for shipping to a buyer, Department of Labor and Employment assistant director Gregorio Abalos, when he discovered the huts missing on Sept. 2.

"What remained were merely scattered debris which form part of the huts," Carantes said.

The huts eventually turned up in tatters at a salvage area of the John Hay Management Corp. (JHMC).

Based on a reconstruction of the demolition operation, Carantes said he was able to verify that JHMC security guards were also involved in the demolition and should be made party to the suits.

The government agencies have yet to receive their summons and have not issued any comments at press time.

But to avoid these kinds of suits, the city government is developing a new regulation system that would legitimize ancestral land claims covered by CALCs and Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles (Calts), according to City Engineer Leo Bernardez. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Vizcaya board absentees face arrest

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—A judge has ordered the members of the provincial board to hold their legislative sessions daily to pass an ordinance authorizing the province's 2003 budget.

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Agbayani's petition sought to compel provincial board members to hold sessions until the ordinance authorizing the annual appropriations is approved.

Rosales also ordered Vice Gov. Luisa Cuaresma "to cause the arrest of absent members for the purpose of constituting a quorum."

At present, the provincial government here is operating under the reenacted 2002 budget.

Rosales said the duty of the provincial board to enact the budget ordinance is a continuing task of the officials.

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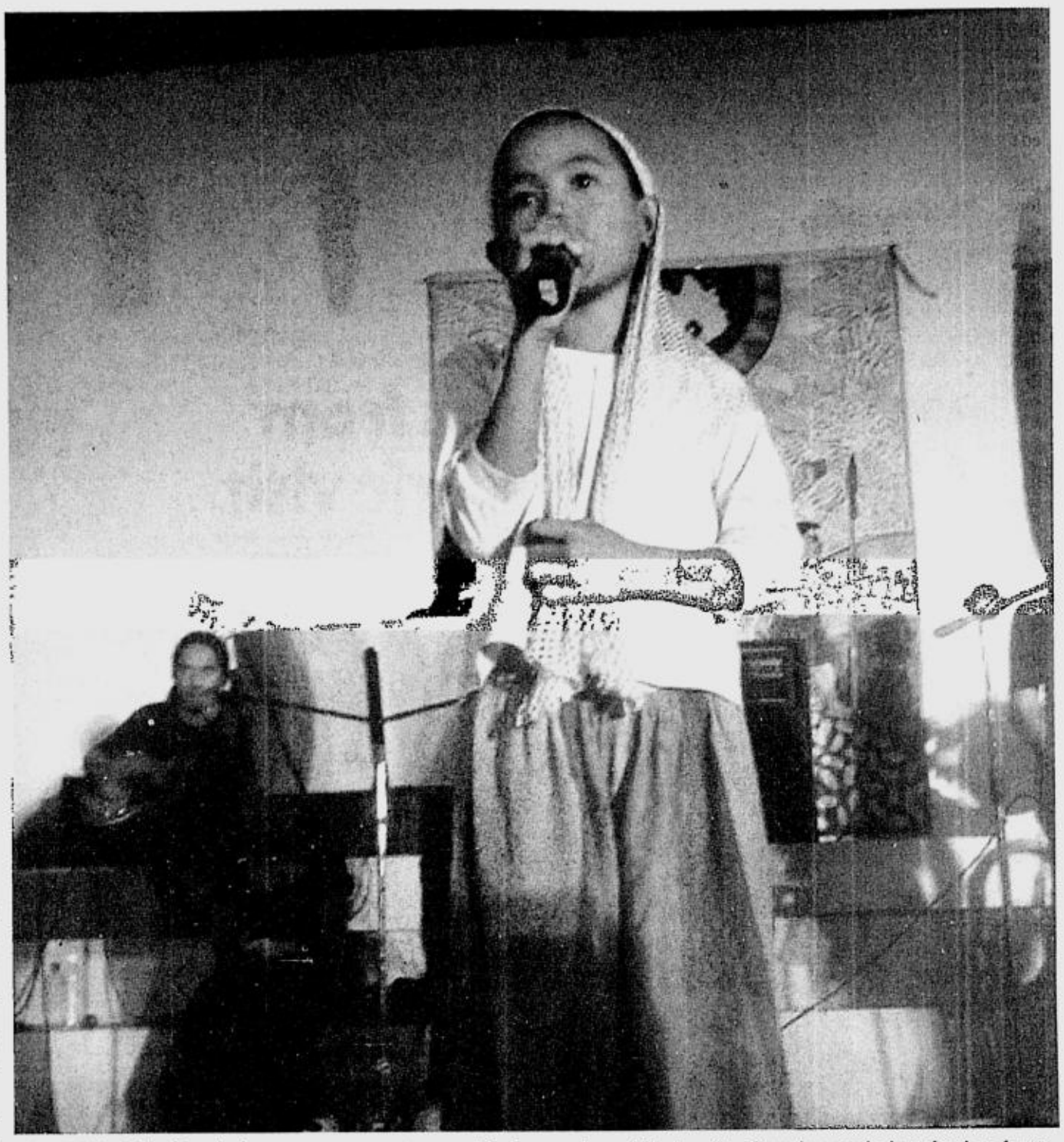

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Just recently, Whoosh Skimboards, a local manufacturer of skimboards in Davao City, staged the first Davao Skimboard Clinic dubbed "Skim 101," which tackled various topics on the budding sport like its history, the tricks, the safety measures, the equipment used and the care and maintenance of the board.

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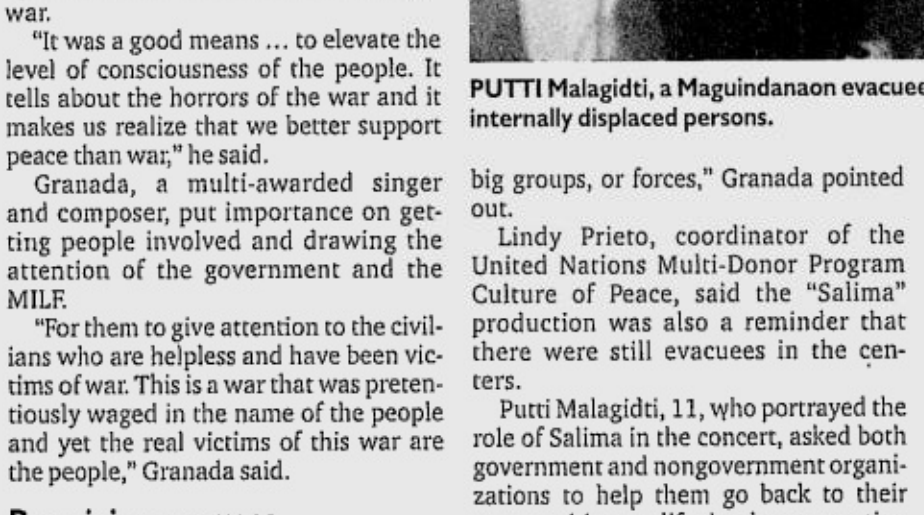

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Skimboarding has a rich history. Most people know it as "that thing you do on the sand," and while this is true, this sport has become so much more than that. Modern-day skimboarding has really grown from what it once was and now people who engage in it are testing their limits.

At present, the composition of the boards used for this sport come in a wide range of materials—from the basic marine wood boards to those made of fiberglass (carbon fiber) or high-density foam.

Skimboards vaguely resemble surf boards, they are about half the length, half the thickness and slightly wider. Unlike surf boards though, skimboards have no skegs (fins on the bottom of the board used for controlling direction). They are less stable and require a lot of practice to be able to control. But, because of this attribute, many things can be done on a skimboard that cannot be done on a surfboard.

Just recently, Whoosh Skimboards, a local manufacturer of skimboards in Davao City, staged the first Davao Skimboard Clinic dubbed "Skim 101," which tackled various topics on the budding sport like its history, the tricks, the safety measures, the equipment used and the care and maintenance of the board.

Now, more than 20 locals are skimboarding every weekend at the Bago Beach Resort in Bago Aplaya, Toril and the Times Beach Resort.

Basically, skimboarding is the best alternative to surfing and has less risks compared to skateboarding which is done on solid ground.

Now Davaoeños are eager to learn more about this relatively new adrenaline-pumping ride, and with all the beaches here, skimboarding will unmistakably make waves just like it did in the US and in Europe.

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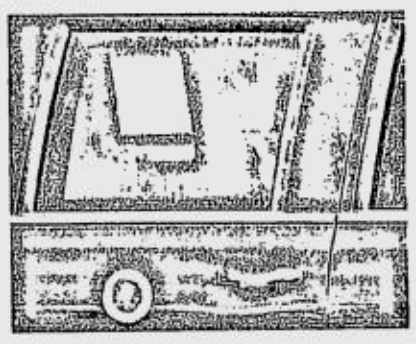
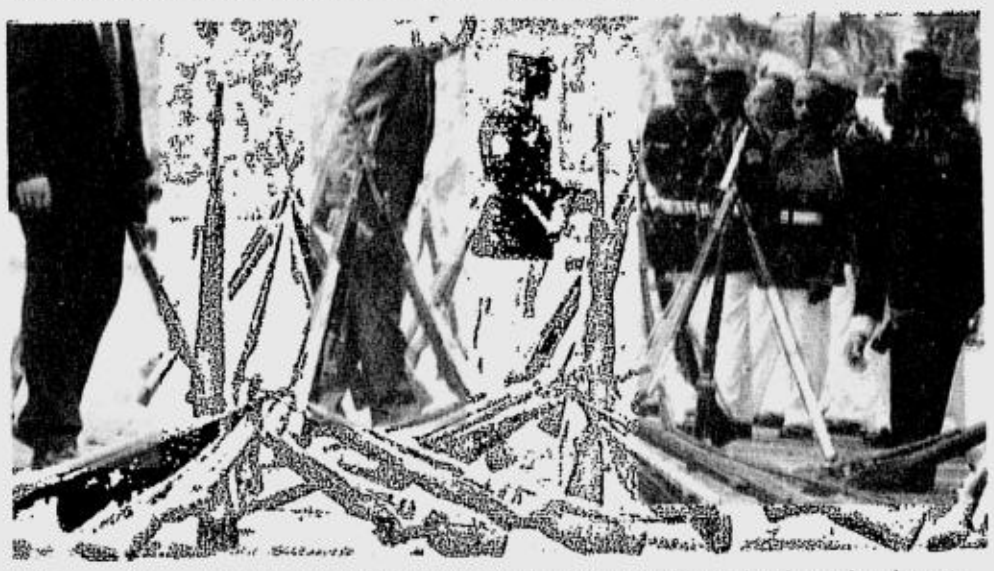
IN THE company of his hosts President Macapagal-Arroyo and her husband Jose Miguel Arroyo, US President George W. Bush flashes a smile before signing the guest book in Malacañang. First Lady Laura Bush waits her turn.





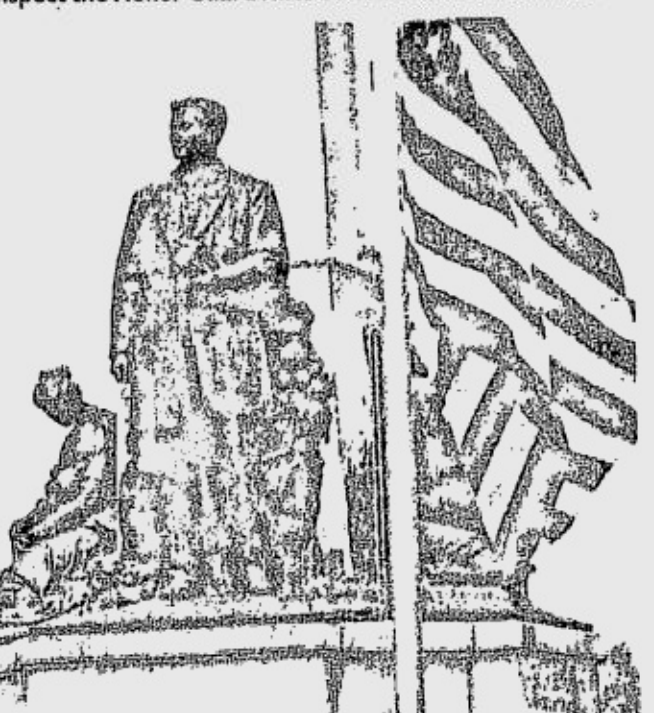
TOP, security agent on board a vehicle tailing the presidential limousine from the airport checks on a high-powered firearm. The window is down for any exigency.
ABOVE, Secret Service agents inspect the Honor Guard rifles before Bush arrives at the Rizal Park.

Scenes from a historic visit

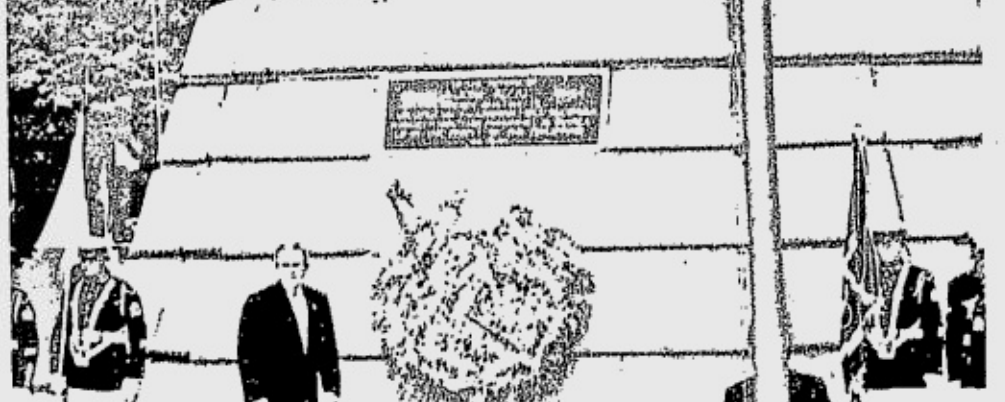
Photos by PDI photographers Rudy Esperas, Edwin Bacasmas, Ernie U. Sarmiento, Erik Arazas, Jim Guiao Punzalan, and Stephen Jaffe/AFP

THE VISITOR gives his host a peck on the cheek prior to the arrival honors ...

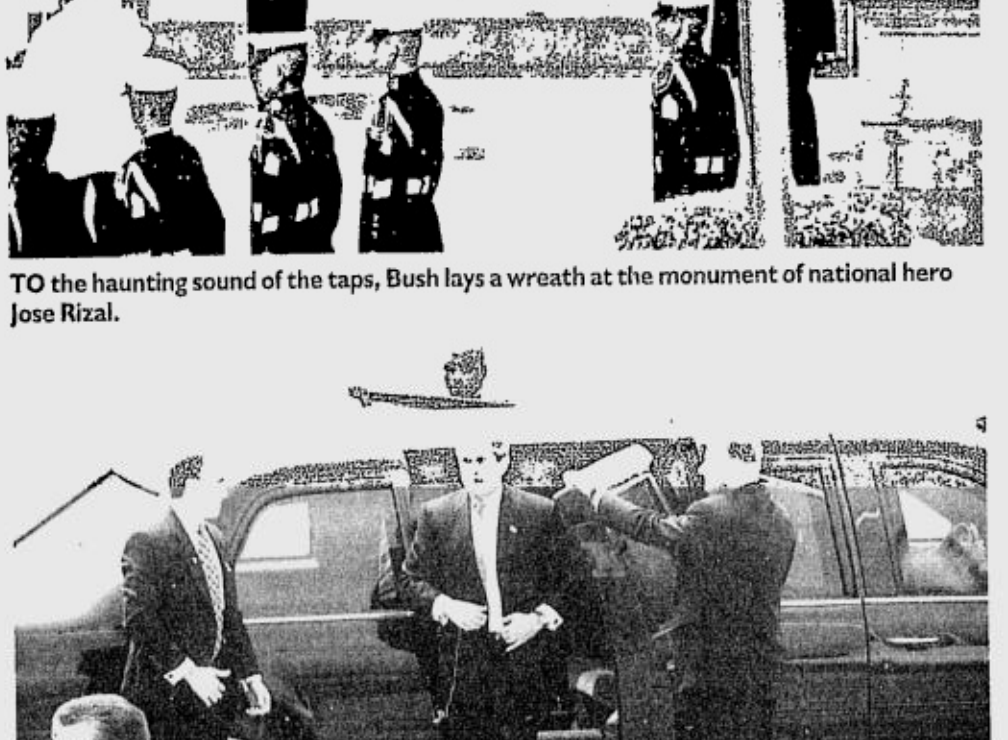
... AND gleefully plucks First Grandchild Mikaela Arroyo from among schoolchildren and other welcomers.



TO the haunting sound of the taps, Bush lays a wreath at the monument of national hero Jose Rizal.



MINUTES earlier, he emerges from his limousine and is flanked fore and aft, left and right by Secret Service agents.



OUT on Commonwealth Avenue, protesters carry a huge replica of the Stars and Stripes with a message calling the US government the "No. 1 terrorist." Anti-riot police block them.

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10 Outstanding Filipino Entrepreneurs

What makes a successful entrepreneur? We tell you exactly what next month when we feature the winners of "Entrepreneur 10," Entrepreneur magazine's first-ever search for outstanding Filipino entrepreneurs. Launched last April, this search is co-presented by Johnnie Walker.

The search focused on more than 50 small and medium enterprises who had shown exemplary performance for at least three years. Headed by Satori Consultancy and SGV&Co, the screening committee focused on each nominee's economic performance, market sustainability, employment standards, and social responsibility.

As a further reward, search co-presenter Johnnie Walker will give out a special award to one of the winners that it feels best personifies Johnnie Walker's brand ideals of inspiring personal progress.

Find out who these 10 outstanding entrepreneurs are in the November 2003 edition of Entrepreneur Philippines.

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Old Glory in flames ...

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an end to US intervention in Philippine affairs.

Bush's visit was, however, welcomed by scattered groups of students and government employees lined up in streets in various parts of the capital waving US and Philippine flags of welcome.

Another group of 50 pro-US demonstrators, led by lawyer Ely Pamatong, were herded into a building near the US Embassy after they held an overnight party for Bush across the street from the US mission.

Terrorist fears

Also out on the streets of Metro Manila yesterday were several thousand riot and traffic police as the government tightened security amid fears of terrorism hours before the arrival of only the second US President to make a state visit here since 1960.

The police were deployed in major thoroughfares and the places where Bush was to make an appearance to keep out the ubiquitous protesters.

"Protests must be done in a peaceful manner. And if possible, we should not disrespect our guest," said Interior Secretary Jose Lina in a radio broadcast.

At the Rizal Park earlier yesterday, police beat back with truncheons more than a dozen student protesters chanting anti-US slogans who tried to enter the park as Bush was laying a wreath at the monument to national hero Jose Rizal. The group dispersed peacefully. No arrests were made.

Another group of about 100 militants planning to stage in Mendiola their own version of the Barrio Fiesta Malacañang was holding for Bush were blocked by policemen and a firetruck at the Quezon City and Manila boundary. The group decided to hold their fiesta at the Welcome Rotonda instead.

Angriest rally

On the stretch of the Elliptical Road, some 500 anti-Bush protesters converged in front of the National Housing Authority building, also intending to march to the Batasan. They were stopped by some 500 policemen armed with truncheons. Police had placed a steel barricade at the junction of Philcoa and Commonwealth avenues, allowing only cars of government officials and those with car passes to enter.

Tensions rose briefly when police asked the protesters, who occupied almost half of the Elliptical Road, to move back because they were causing traffic jams.

The noisiest and angriest welcome for Bush was in the stretch of Commonwealth Ave. leading to the Batasan where the group of about 3,000 protesters that staged the flag-burning as Bush's Air Force One touched down at the Naia tried to march to the legislature. They only got as far as the Ever Gotesco mall where more than 800 policemen were waiting for them.

The group was evidently psyched up as they had come from a night-long vigil inside the University of the Philippines campus where they burned one US flag every hour, from 6 p.m. on Friday up to 10 a.m. yesterday.

Up in smoke

The 100 US flags, made of cheesecloth, dipped in flammable fluid and mounted on flagpoles, went up in smoke in less than five minutes.

The demonstrators, led by the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas and Kilusang Mayo Uno, waved their standards as well as protest banners and sang leftist anthems while the American banners burned.

A much bigger US flag—measuring 7 by 14 meters and carrying the slogan, "No.1 Terrorist"—was trampled on by a throng of about 300 marchers before being torn to pieces and also burned.

Other cities

Elsewhere in the county, six youth activists belonging to the Anak Bayan were arrested in San Jose, Mindoro Occidental as they were posting anti-Bush posters and slogans and are now detained at the police station.

Irein Cuasay, spokesperson of rights group Karapatan-Southern Tagalog, condemned the arrest and said the group was looking for a lawyer for the six.

In Naga City, more than 15,000 protesters held simultaneous rallies in the five Bicol provinces of Sorsogon, Masbate, Albay, Daet and Camarines Surto protest the visit, said Bayan-Bicol regional chair Willy Marbella.

"We want to ban Bush in our country," said Marbella who called Bush a "war instigator".

At the Clark Economic Zone, some 4,000 activists gathered before the gate of the former US military base and burned a US flag-draped effigy of Bush before holding a 30-minute noise barrage to greet the arrival of the US President.

Visayas

In the Visayas, red placards and not carpets met Bush as protesters led by Bayan marched in the main streets of the cities of Cebu, Iloilo, Bacolod, Tacloban and Ormoc.

In Iloilo City, some 2000 protesters burned effigies of Bush and President Macapagal-Arroyo and banged on cooking pot covers and lamp posts in a five-minute noise barrage.

In Cebu City, around a thousand people converged at the busy downtown area causing a major obstruction of traffic in the area.

In Bacolod, a small group burned the US flag at the Bacolod public plaza to protest the Bush visit. They also burned a makeshift coffin to "symbolize the death of innocent Filipinos in the anti-terror drive."

In Tacloban, some 50 protesters staged a lightning rally at the city's old bus terminal on Quezon Blvd. while various speakers denounced the US President.

In Ormoc City, the anti-Bush protest activity was participated in by close to 500 protesters coming from the city's peasant, industrial and student sectors.

In Davao City, some 3,000 protesters held a "cultural rally" at the Rizal Park depicting US intervention in Philippine affairs and terrorism at the Rizal Park.

There were also protest actions in Cagayan de Oro City, where US flags were set in fire while hundreds of people marched the streets. *With reports from Martin Marfil, Leila Salaverria, Volt Contreras, Tarra Quismundo, Alcuin Papa, Edson Castro Tandoc in Metro Manila, Clarice Colting, Alan Pelayo and Geraldford Ticke PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk, Vincent Cabreza, Desiree Caluza and Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau, Nestor Burgos Jr., Bernadette Parco, Jhunnex Napallacan, Carla P. Gomez and Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau and Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI MIndanao Bureau*

PRESIDENTS Bush and Macapagal toast to the two democracies during last night's state dinner at Malacañang. EDWIN BACASMAS

State dinner caps Bush charm offensive

By Gil Cabacungan

US PRESIDENT George W. Bush carried his charm offensive up to the last minute of his whirlwind eight-hour state visit, paying tribute to the Philippines as Asia's oldest democracy in a state dinner attended by the country's most powerful politicians and businessmen.

"I represent the oldest democracy in the Americas and I'm proud to pay tribute to the oldest democracy in Asia," said Bush in his remarks during the ceremonial toast.

"I am the first president since President Dwight Eisenhower to address a joint session of your Congress. In 1960, President Eisenhower expressed America's firm support for your fledgling democracy. Two generations later, I am pleased to share my country's support for the great democracy you have become," said Bush, who wore a barong tagalog made by designer Joe Salazar.

The US President was conferred the Order of Sikatuna.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, who wore a red terno designed by Rem Divino, said she found Bush's speech "inspiring."

"I can say that the meetings today in Malacañang and in Congress will lead us forward. We shall continue to respond to the threat and challenges we face in the spirit of a broadening covenant that lives in the realities of the 21st century especially the conjunction for security and development that have become a paramount reality in the developing world," the President said.

Ms Macapagal said:"We know the pain of terror, we know the relief brought by knowing that we have faithful partner against terror. We appreciate that the US had delivered indispensable support and assistance to our effort to marginalized terrorists and to drain the breeding place of the recruits and push the frontiers of development and social justice to win the peace."

The Malacañang ceremonial hall had been spruced up for the state dinner with 32 tables decked out in old rose with fresh flowers and tall candles.

House Speaker Jose de Venecia was a notable absentee in the 14-seat presidential table that seated former President Corazon Aquino, Vice President Teofisto Guingona, Senate President Franklin Drilon, Chief Justice Hilario Davide, First Lady Laura Bush, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo and US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone. De Venecia arrived late.

The state dinner menu included timbale of *pitik-pitik* lobster and smoked salmon with pink caviar and potato horseradish whip; lapu-lapu fillet with smoky tomato salsa set on thyme-flavored wild rice; mousse of chocolate and espresso with Kahlua sauce and mango balls; and Philippine coffee and tea with pralines and Bulacan pastillas.

Lea Salonga provided the main entertainment backed by the Manila Philharmonic Strings while the Bayanihan Philippine National Folk Dance Co. performed the Maranaw Suite, Kulintang and Singkil.

Some 3 kms from the Palace, at the Welcome Rotunda in Quezon City, protesters dined on a menu of dried fish, rice and tomatoes served on banana leaves in mock protest at what they said was the extravagance of the state dinner for Bush.

All the members of the First Family attended the state dinner, although sons Mikey and Dato arrived late. Mike Arroyo's brother, the lately controversial businessman Ignacio Arroyo, was an invited guest.

The President's official family and government officialdom were in full force, including Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, Trade Secretary Manuel A. Roxas and Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura, Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita and Presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye.

Aside from Drilon, senators who attended the state dinner were Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Noli de Castro, John Osmena, Robert Barbers, Robert Jaworski, Tito Sotto, Juan Flavier, Aquilino Pimentel, Francis Pangilinan, Rodolfo Biazon, Loren Legarda and Ralph Recto.

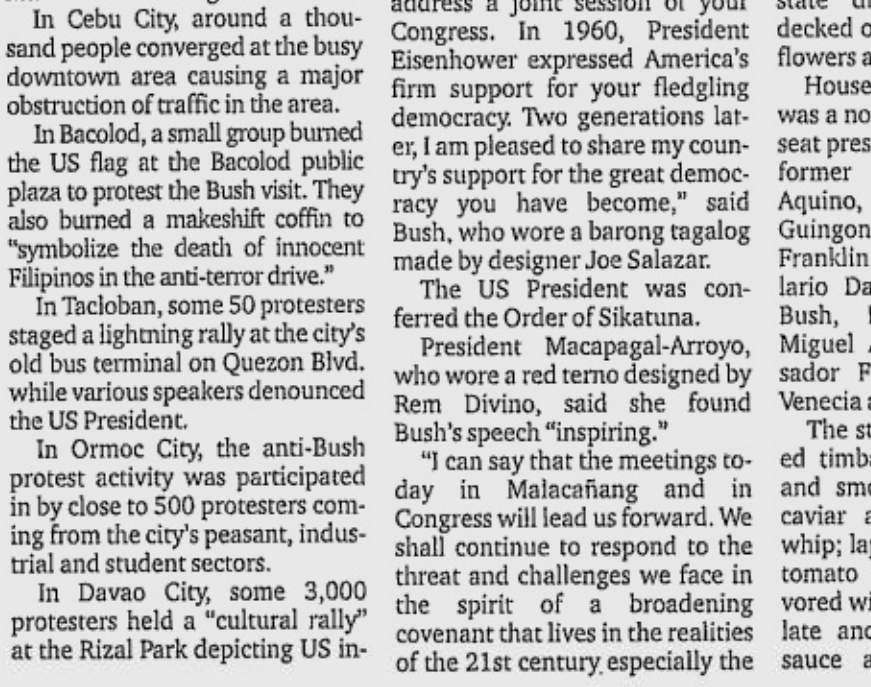
Show business celebrities in the crowd included Videogram Regulatory Board chair Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. and movie stars Sharon Cuneta, Vilma Santos and Helen Gamboa who were with their politician husbands.

Businessmen in the guest list include ethnic Chinese tycoons Lucio Tan, John Gokongwei (with son Lance), Henry Sy (with daughter Tessie), and Alfonso Yuchengco; Fernando Zobel, Tomas and Nicasio Alcantara, Enrique Razon, Jose Campos Jr., Raul and Jose Concepcion, Frank Elizalde, Jose L. Cuisia; Ramon R. del Rosario Jr.; and Luis Virata, Andres Soriano III.

Former presidential adviser for special projects Gloria Tan Climaco, another recent controversial figure in the Fraport affair, was there along with Makati Business Club chair Ricardo Romulo, who lawyers for the opposing side in the controversy.

Representing the media were Marixi and Alexandra Prieto, chair and president of the INQUIRER, Emilio Yap of the Manila Bulletin, and Philippine Star publisher Max Soliven.

The President gave the Bushes a 19th-century chest of drawers made of Philippine hardwood and carabao horn and an antique decor item with a sampaguita motif. *With a report from Volt Contreras*



HELLO ... ROGER MARGALLO

... GOODBYE ROGER MARGALLO

Mother Teresa beatified today

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ing Saint" in her lifetime, Mother Teresa will be beatified today, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. during solemn rites at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. His Holiness John Paul II will proclaim Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "Blessed."

She will be known henceforth as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The Catholic Church will also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Holy Father's Pontificate, as well as World Mission Sunday.

A waiting period of at least five years is traditionally observed after death before the cause for beatification may even be opened.

St. Peter's Square will echo the call of Jesus to Mother Teresa in 1946— "Come, be My light,"—as the faithful, too, are "invited to radiate the light of Christ in the darkness of human poverty and pain."

As Mother Teresa used to say: "By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus."

"Beatification" is not "canonization"; the person beatified comes to be called "blessed" while one who is canonized becomes a "saint." Beatification may or may not lead to canonization, depending on a long process established by the Holy See that examines a candidate's life and the evidence attesting to his or her sanctity.

Mother Teresa died on Sept. 5, 1997, at the Motherhouse of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. Her passing would have been more greatly mourned by the world had it not been overshadowed by the relentless media coverage of the tragic death of Princess Diana six days before.

Barely seven weeks after her death, on Oct. 23, 1997, a petition was filed by Archbishop Henry D'Souza before the Congregation for the Causes of Saints for a dispensation from the norm requiring a five-year wait, so that the Diocesan Enquiry into the Life, Virtues, and Reputation of Sanctity of Mother Teresa may be initiated.

Highlights

Documents in the office of the Cause of Canonization of Mother Teresa at Piazza San Gregorio al Celio in Rome reveal the following highlights:

- On April 21, 1999, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints issued the "Nihil Obstat" declaring there is no obstacle on the part of the Holy See to the Cause of Canonization of Mother Teresa.
- July 26, 1999 marked the Official Opening of the Cause in St. Mary's Church, Calcutta. The Diocesan Enquiry Team was composed of 12 members who performed under oath administered by the archbishop. This Opening began the period of field research, interviews with eyewitnesses, and review of documents and materials pertaining to the life and work of Mother Teresa.
- This work was concluded in August 2001, and produced 80 volumes of material comprising approximately 450 pages each, for presentation to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.
- On April 26, 2002, the Positio was completed and given to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints for study.

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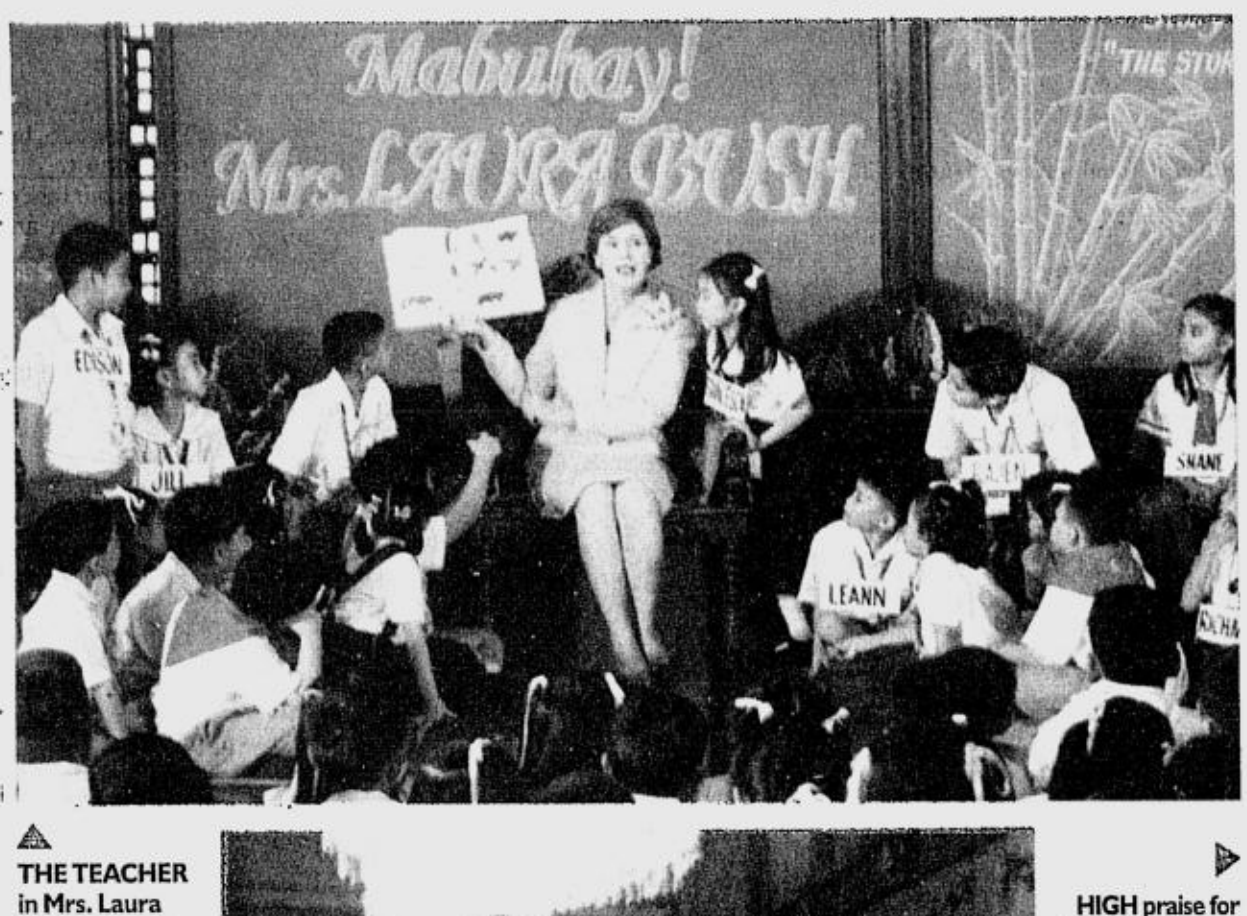
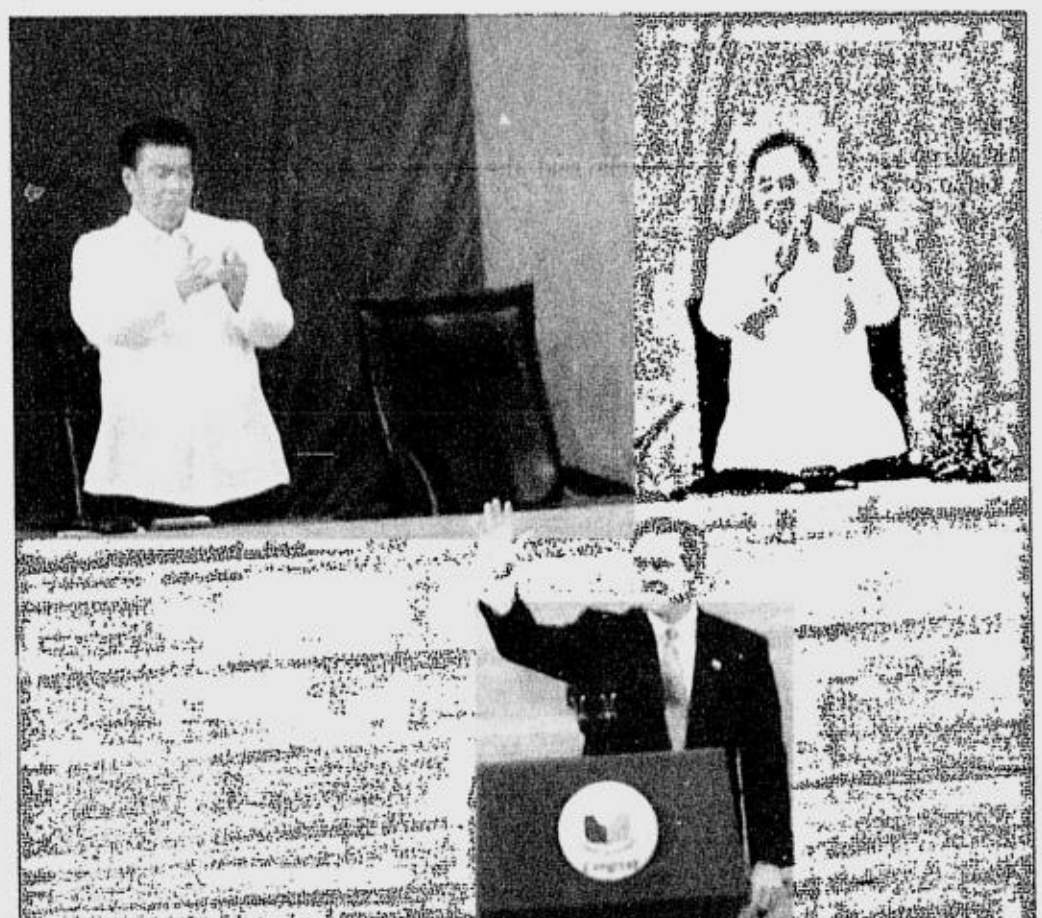
From the tarmac to Batasan to Palace fiesta

ARRIVAL of the world's most powerful man, US President Bush with his wife Laura, aboard Air Force One which lands in front of the Aegis Center in Villamor Air Base. His bullet-proof limo, which was flown all the way from the States, is waiting.
ERNIE U.SARMIENTO

BEFORE the protesters (at left) could say Yankee, go home, the Bush convoy breezed by on the way to the Batasan to address a joint session of Congress.
AUGUST DELA CRUZ





THE TEACHER in Mrs. Laura Bush comes to the fore as she reads about a Panda bear to the delight of schoolchildren from public and private elementary schools.
EDWIN BACASMAS

JESS YUSON

HIGH praise for the Philippines as America's "oldest ally in Asia, and one of America's most valued friends in the world." Behind Bush are Senate President Franklin Drilon and House Speaker Jose de Venecia.

PRESIDENT Macapagal leads her special guests to the Ceremonial Hall for the state dinner. President Bush is wearing a barong by Joe . Salazar.
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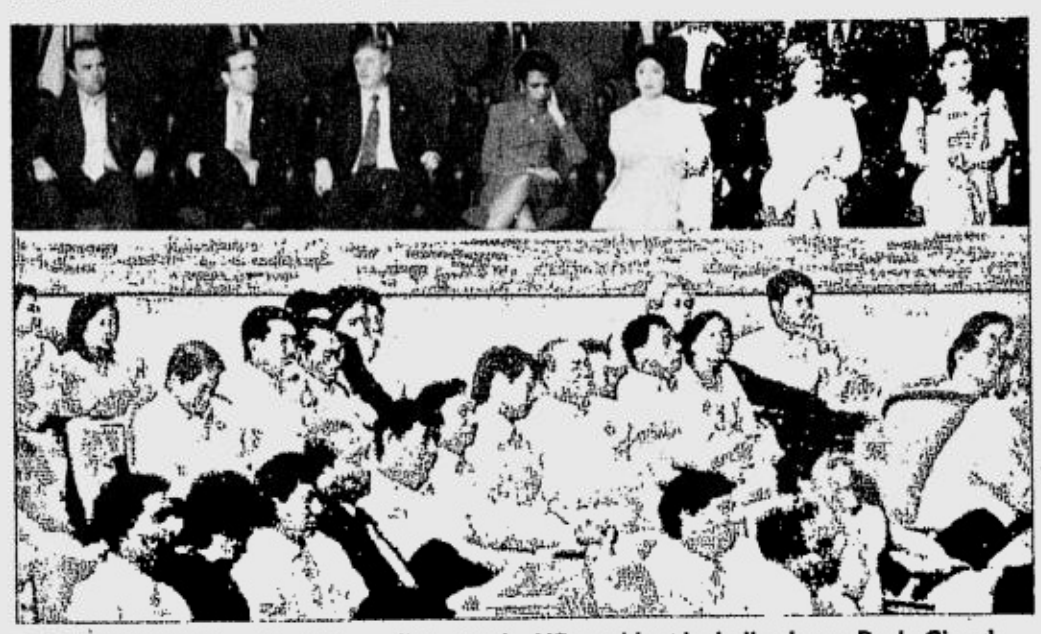

A GALLERY of VIPs at the Batasan listen to the US president including Laura Bush, Gina de Venecia, Mila Drilon and Bush's National Security Adviser Condeleeza Rice (in red address).
AFP

ALL dressed up for the state dinner, US National Security Adviser Condoleeza Rice. REUTERS

JOAN BONDOC

BECOMING wear for militant sectoral Rep. Lisa Masa who walks out with two other colleagues from the session hall before Bush could deliver his address.

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Mistaken identity

P01 CHRISTOPHER Anos was stabbed and wounded on Friday night while he was operating undercover in Marikina City. Police said Anos, along with an informer, had just wrapped up a drug deal with a certain Iking Barrameda in Barangay Parang around 9 p.m. when Eliseo Butaslac, who allegedly introduced himself as a lawman, approached Anos. Butaslac, a "Chairman Barrameda" and Iking Barrameda then attacked the Anos, police said. Butaslac was arrested but denied stabbing Anos. He told probers he and the others confronted Anos because they thought the undercover cop, had just concluded a drug deal there. "I did not know he was a policeman," Butaslac said. *Luige del Puerto*

Not a chance

A PORTER and his nephew did not stand a chance against six men who attacked them early yesterday morning. Roy Padillo, 49, was killed while his nephew Ernesto, 26, was wounded in the arm when six men disrupted their drinking session at Carmen Plaza, MD Santos Street, Binondo, Manila at 4 a.m., said SP02 Virgo Villareal. Investigators believe that the six men, armed with knives and bolos, had a grudge against the victims. Ernesto is now recovering from his wounds at a hospital. *Leila Salaverria*

Alert vs con men

MARIKINA City policemen yesterday warned residents from entertaining solicitors for gay beauty pageants. Insp. Antonio Cruz of the city's criminal investigation unit said the solicitors could be con men. "They would enter a house on the pretext of soliciting money," Cruz said. "If no one is at home, they would take away whatever they could." On Friday night, police arrested Bryan Domingo, 22, after he and three other men allegedly took the mobile phone of Louie Labarete, 31, a fire volunteer and resident of Midtown Subdivision, San Roque at 4 p.m. *Luige del Puerto*

Babysitter in jail

JACKIELOU Amante, a babysitter, landed in jail Friday for abducting the 45-day-old son of her employer in Pasig City. Amante, 22, of Hagonoy, Bulacan, was caught on board a Baliwag Bus bound for her hometown at around lunchtime, police said. In her arms was Salimah Saudaga, of Garden Royale Village, Barangay Pinagbuhatan. P03 Ike Jimenez said it was the child's uncle, Ajih Karim, who caught Amante in Cubao, Quezon City. Behind bars, Amante admitted she took the baby. But she said she only wanted the boy to have a quiet time. "The other children were too noisy, and the baby kept waking up. So I decided to just take him home," Amante said in tears. *Luige del Puerto*

RIZAL PARK VISITORS

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza (in barong) welcomes United States President and Mrs. George W. Bush upon their arrival at the Luneta on Saturday to lay a wreath at the Rizal Monument. President Bush stayed here for about eight hours for the state visit.

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

SHOPPING MALL SALES

Bush visits, Pinoys shop

By Luige del Puerto

SHOPPERS were unfazed by security measures drawn up for the visit of US President George W. Bush yesterday as they took advantage of the three-day sales at SM Megamall, Robinson's Galleria and Starmall.

"Officials have advised people to stay at home because traffic would be heavy. But why would that stop me from enjoying my Saturday," said 16-year-old Marvin Jacla of Cainta, Rizal.

Jacla said the security measures put in place for the visit did not scare them.

His friend, 16-year-old May Francis Cabaron of Quezon City, said she couldn't care less about Bush's visit.

Her only complaint was that it had become "very expensive."

The teeners' insistence to go to SM Megamall to buy giveaways proved right.

Motorists had apparently heeded the call of officials to steer clear from major roads, so traffic in streets leading to the malls was unusually light.

Eastern Police District head Chief Supt. Rolando Sacramento said people opted to take public utility vehicles to go shopping in malls.

"Tomorrow (Sunday), traffic will be hellish just like last Friday," he predicted.

The mall-wide sales began Friday and will end today.

Meanwhile, district cops who had come to guard the Edsa Shrine ended up either malling, sleeping, playing chess or girl-watching when anticipated protest actions did not happen in the area.

P01 Jesse Asuncion of the Mandaluyong Police said they had been "sight seeing" since Friday afternoon.

"There are so many beautiful Filipino women. Really, what can we do? We are bored," he said.

But he added that at least there was no trouble in the area.

Three ambulances and a fire truck had also been readied in front of the Shrine while a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team stood guard.

"We look forward to going home. We hadn't slept very well last night, and many of us have not taken a bath since Friday," said P01 Richard Bumacas.

MMDA sets focus on stalled plans

By Margaux Ortiz

WITH the state visit of US President George W. Bush over, officials of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) said they could now resume work on projects they have temporarily put aside.

MMDA traffic chief Angelito Vergel de Dios said they would work overtime to perfect the single dispatch system, or the Organized Bus Route (OBR), before Nov. 9.

Vergel de Dios added that their original self-imposed deadline for the project was set on Oct. 15, but they decided to postpone it.

"We had to focus on our task of sprucing up the metropolis and take care of the traffic rerouting scheme in time for the state visit," Vergel de Dios said.

He added that aside from the OBR, they have been meeting with the newly appointed heads of Land Transportation Office and the Land Transport Franchise and Regulatory Board.

He said the three government agencies are aiming to remove excess—both colorum and out of line—buses from the roads before the Christmas season.

Traffic nightmare in Muntinlupa

TRAFFIC along the National Road in Muntinlupa has become a nightmare for motorists and commuters after public utility buses started using a vacant area along the busy thoroughfare as a temporary parking zone.

Traffic flow has gone from bad to worse along the National Road, specifically in Barangays Putatan and Bayanan, during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

The INQUIRER learned that the vacant lot was previously used by the city government to impound vehicles.

Some motorists have noted that traffic gets worse when buses make U-turns to dine at a restaurant near the vacant lot. Some buses, they said, even park along the National Road in front of the restaurant.

A lot of jeepneys picking up passengers in the area also compound the situation, the motorists said.

Chief Insp. Nelson Reyes, Muntinlupa traffic police chief, said they have banned buses from entering the National Road from 6-8 a.m. and from 4-8 p.m.

Reyes vowed to pursue his campaign against illegally parked buses and illegal terminals there.

"We can't close the restaurant because it has all the necessary permits. But we can go after the buses if they are parked on the road itself," he said. *Alcuin Papa*

Woman grows up in a village that offers hope

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

TALES OF THE CITY

ADELFA Ingco grew up watching her mother perform the backbreaking work of washing other people's clothes all day just to put food on their table.

Adelfa, fourth of five children, started helping her mother at an age when most children would rather go out and play. At work, Adelfa found comfort in helping wash the clothes of a stewardess she adored.

Adelfa was just seven when she told her mother with a determined look on her face that one day, she would also get to ride an airplane and see the world, just like the stewardess she looked up to.

"My mother just stared at me and started crying," said Adelfa, who will turn 24 in December. "She told me that it might not happen because we did not have any money. But I told her that God is good and that I will finish my studies and fulfill that dream."

Beacon of hope

But there was a time when she thought her dream would remain just that—her father had gone away to live with his other family. By then, her mother could no longer support her and her siblings.

But as luck would have it, one of their neighbors knew of the SOS Children's Villages that offered assistance to children in need.

It was the beacon of hope Adelfa and her family had been praying for.

When Adelfa turned 10, she and her youngest sibling went to live in the SOS (Save Our Souls) Children's Village in Alabang.

"I remember that the first thing I asked for when I went to the village was a pen and a piece of paper because I couldn't wait to start learning as much as I could," Adelfa said.

SOS Children's Villages Philippines is a private, non-stock, non-denominational welfare organization dedicated to fulfill the rights and needs of orphaned, abandoned and destitute children by offering them a permanent home and preparing them for an independent life.

A better life

After 35 years, SOS Children's Villages Philippines has developed six villages for nearly 800 children throughout the country. It has put up two kindergartens, three schools and three social centers for the benefit of the children of SOS and neighboring communities.

Adelfa admitted that there were days when she would cry herself to sleep because she wanted to stay with her mother and her other siblings. But the hope of making a better life for herself never failed to lift her spirits.

With steely determination, she was able to finish grade school, high school and finally acquired a Bachelor of Science degree in hotel and restaurant management from the Philippine Women's University.

"I was not very intelligent, but I did what I had to do," she said. "That is why I had perfect attendance from Grade 6 all the way to high school. I thought that I could not afford to waste the tuition and the allowance other people had given me. Doing good in school was the least that I could do for them."

Her painstaking efforts bore fruit when she was chosen to be part of a group of students from PWU to take their practicum, or on-the-job training, in a hotel in Singapore for six months.

A dream ride come true

It was one of the happiest moments in Adelfa's life when she finally boarded a plane and get to see another country.

"I was there in the airplane and I remembered what I told my mother," Adelfa said. "I kept thinking to myself that it was all a dream, but it really happened."

Adelfa applied herself to her work and tried to learn as much as she could from the operations of the Tanglin hotel in Singapore.

She went the rounds—from housekeeping to the front office and rooms. She worked 16 hours a day to ward off homesickness that haunted her during the first few days.

"It was hard work and it was fun at the same time because I was learning and I was working in another country," she said. "I became something of a workaholic."

It was no surprise then that Adelfa was named Best in Training at the conclusion of the practicum, and she credits her performance to the training she got at the SOS Children's Village.

Life-changing experience

Adelfa stressed that living in an SOS Children's Village is no picnic because they all had to abide by certain rules. They had to live on a budget and they all had to help each other out and forge relationships with other children, who became their "brothers" and "sisters," while they all looked up to a "mother" who was not their own.

"That experience of growing up in an SOS Village made me independent," Adelfa said. "There was a time when I was very shy and kept to a corner. But now I can face anybody. I am no longer insecure. I am more confident because our 'Papa' and 'Mama' were always there to inspire us and tell us that we can achieve what we can dream."

She is back in the Philippines fresh from Singapore and she is heartened by the fact that she is now a source of inspiration for her younger "brothers" and "sisters" as well as her real siblings.

Adelfa tells them that they too can reach for their dreams through hard work and determination.

"The hotel in Singapore actually wanted to hire me and continue to work there," Adelfa said. "But they told me that I should first get experience here before I go back there. They told me that there is always a job waiting for me there."

Adelfa has not found a job yet in a hotel or a similar establishment in the Philippines, but she is far from discouraged.

In fact, she would look up at the Makati Shangri-la during her frequent job-hunting sojourns in Makati, and told herself that one day, she would work for that hotel, and perhaps even become a manager.

"I know it sounds impossible, but I have already seen that dreams could be fulfilled so I am hopeful," she said. "If that won't work out, maybe I would put up my own catering business because I do love cooking and I love it when other people appreciate what I prepare for them."

Adelfa said her mother, now 62, could not be prouder of her and what she has achieved so far.

"I tell her that it won't be long now before she can really stop washing clothes for other people," Adelfa said. "I told her that if there is any washing to be done, it would be through her own washing machine."

ADELFA poses in the Singapore hotel where she took her on-the-job training.

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1 p.m.—Slam Dunk Challenge/3-Point Shootout/2-3 Ball
3 p.m.—NCAA East vs UAAP South
5 p.m.—NCAA West vs UAAP North

By Dennis U. Eroa

FAR Eastern University, taller and stronger, outclassed La Salle, 77-55, to win the 2nd edition of the Bantay Bata Showdown 163 last night at the sparsely filled Araneta Coliseum.

With the victory, FEU reaffirmed its position as the country's leading collegiate team. The triumph came two weeks after the Tamaraws had toppled Ateneo in the UAAP finals.

Arwind Santos and Cesar Catli finished in double figures but it was FEU's massive edge in rebounding over its smaller and younger rival which allowed the Tamaraws to keep their fluid game going.

Santos finished with 17 points and grabbed nine of FEU's 45 rebounds. La Salle wound up with only 32 boards.

Catli had 12, including two triples, while Mark Isip and Gerard Jones combined for 16.

With Dennis Miranda, voted as tournament MVP, orchestrating the plays, the Tamaraws broke away from a slim 22-20 lead as they scored 20 while limiting the Archers to six points to take a 42-26 halftime lead.

UAAP president Jose Capistrano Jr. and Kate Contreras, senior external affairs officer of ABS-CBN Foundation, graced the awarding ceremonies.

Mark Benitez and Joseph Yeo of La Salle, Miranda and Santos and Boyet Bautista of Letran were later named to the mythical five.

In the first game, deposed champion University of the East got shining performances from James Yap, Olan Omiping and Arnold Booker to beat NCAA titlist Letran, 79-67, and salvage third place.

Scores:

First game

UE 79—Yap 21, Omiping 15, Booker 15, Masbang 8, Lagabala 5, Hubalde 5, Estrada 4, Alminario 2, Butel 2, Artadi 2.

Letran 67—Bautista 20, Enrile 14, Aldave 8, Realista 7, Aban 7, Reyes 5, Pinera 4, Reposar 2.

Quarters: 21-20, 47-38, 60-52, 79-67

Second game

FEU 77—Santos 17, Catli 12, Isip 9, Miranda 8, Rizada 7, Jones 7, Yabut 5, Chan 5, Sierra 4, Barcellano 3.

LA SALLE 55—Benitez 13, Yeo 12, Casio 11, Tang 6, Cabatu 4, Gavino 4, Aquino 2, Arana 2, Gaco 1.

Quarters: 22-20, 42-26, 58-42, 77-55.

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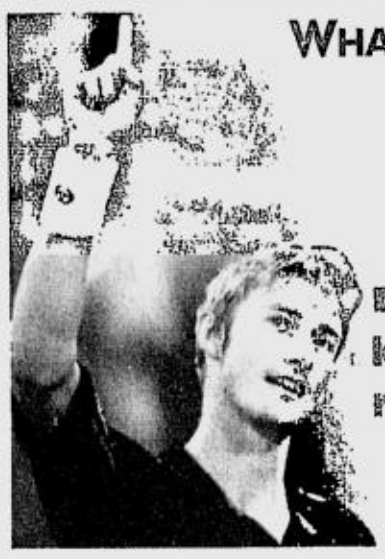

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Shell eyes vital win vs Ginebra today

Coca-Cola wallops FedEx in Bacolod

By June Navarro

GAMES TODAY
(*Philsports Arena*)
4:00 p.m.—Shell vs Ginebra
6:30 p.m.—Alaska vs Sta. Lucia

SHELL tries to keep its flickering quarterfinal hopes alive when the Turbochargers tackle the Barangay Ginebra Gin Kings today in the Samsung-PBA Reinforced Conference at the Philsports Arena.

Their backs against the wall after losing three consecutive games, the struggling Turbochargers need to win the 4 p.m. game to remain in the running for the last qualifying slot in Group B, also being eyed by the Gin Kings.

The Turbochargers recently yielded to the Red Bull Barakos, 78-76, for a 3-7 slate while the Gin Kings (5-5) go into the match inspired by their upset of Talk 'N Text in their last outing.

Sta. Lucia Realty aims to cement their hold of the top spot in Group A when the Realtors tackle the Alaska Aces in the other game at 6:30 p.m.

A victory by the Damien Owens-powered Realtors (6-3), would give them the No. 1 seeding going into the quarterfinals.

The Gin Kings enjoy a two-game cushion over the Turbochargers in their fight for the last quarterfinal slot, thanks to Rosell Ellis, who finally filled up the slack left by the injured Eric Menk.

The Realtors are going for a third straight win with Owens, who replaced a limping Nate James. The 6-foot-4 Owens was responsible for giving the Realtors their first-ever championship crown during the 2001 Governors Cup.

Meanwhile, the Honeyshots, the PBA's newest ambassadors of goodwill, will also make their debut today. The Honeyshots are Rosemarie Arenas, Elizabeth Caoagdan, Ria Garcia, Fatima Hermosa, Imelda Palma, Theresa Paron, Joanne Enriquez and Rustum Soliman IV.

In Bacolod City, Coca-Cola, knowing it couldn't beat FedEx by simply relying on fastbreaks, added torrid outside shooting to its offensive arsenal as the Tigers crushed the Express, 118-84, last night at the University of St. La Salle gym.

Ato Morano burned the hoops with his triples while Rob Wainwright, Will Antonio and Jeffrey Cariaso scored almost as well as the Tigers ripped the game wide open in the first half en route to their 10th win in 11 outings.

The Express, who trailed by 20 points (43-63) at the half, failed to recover their bearings in the game sponsored by Air Philippines, and dropped to 3-7.

Scores:

COCA-COLA 118—McClary 21, Wainwright 15, Cariaso 15, Morano 12, Reavis 11, Antonio 10, Hatfield 10, Hugnatan 8, Chia 6, Juinio 4, Avenido 4, Abarrientos 2.

FEDEX 84—Shannon 23, Ritualo 21, Yap 11, Ejercito 9, Codiñera 5, Yap 5, De Ocampo 4, Rodriguez 4, Arboleda 2, Billones 0, Ortiguerra 0.

Quarters: 34-27, 63-43, 86-62, 118-84.

Kobe not ready—Phil

LOS ANGELES—Just 24 hours after saying he wanted Kobe Bryant to get some playing time Friday night, Lakers coach Phil Jackson pushed back the timetable for Bryant's return by several days.

"He's not ready to play. I think it's more conditioning than (his surgically repaired) knee," Jackson said prior to the Lakers' exhibition game against the Phoenix Suns.

Shaquille O'Neal, hampered by a bruised heel, also sat out against Phoenix.

"We are listing them as day to day, but the chances of them playing Sunday are slim and remote," Jackson said.

A Colorado judge is to decide Monday whether to order Bryant to stand trial on a sexual assault charge. A 19-year-old Eagle, Colorado, woman accused the Los Angeles Lakers' guard of raping her June 30 at the mountain resort where she worked. Bryant has said the two had consensual sex. *AP*

Pinoy golfers bounce back

THOUGH far behind in the race for the gold medals, the Philippines appeared poised to improve on its previous showing after a big rally in the penultimate round Friday of The Spirit International amateur golf championship in Trinity, Texas.

Buoyed by the best score so far of its ladies team, the Philippines tallied 135 for the day at the Whispering Pines Golf Club course to move up from 14th to 11th place in the company of Italy.

Host United States continued to show the way, scoring 126 for 383 and a seven-stroke lead over Australia.

Millet Villaroman and Lora Roberto combined for a best-ball 68 while their teammates Jerome Delariarte and Juvic Pagunsan had a 67 on six birdies and a payback on the 10th.

Jerome and Juvic kept their slim hopes of snaring the bronze in the men's division with their 201 total putting them in seventh spot. The ladies were in solo 14th.

In the inaugural staging in 2001, the Philippines finished 15th overall as the men wound up 13th and the ladies checked in 16th.

Meanwhile in Japan, Frankie Miñoza could only score a two-over-par 73 but managed to move up three rungs to 37th spot in the Japan Open. *Jong Arcano*

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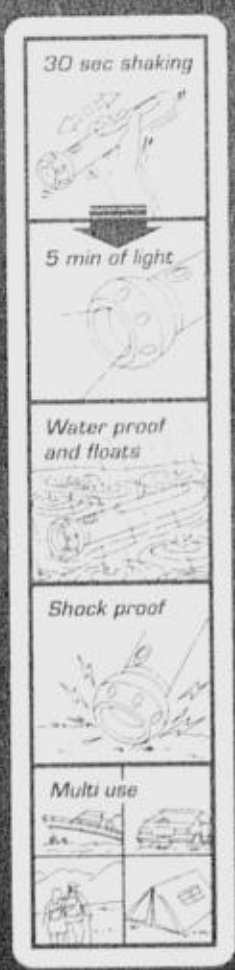

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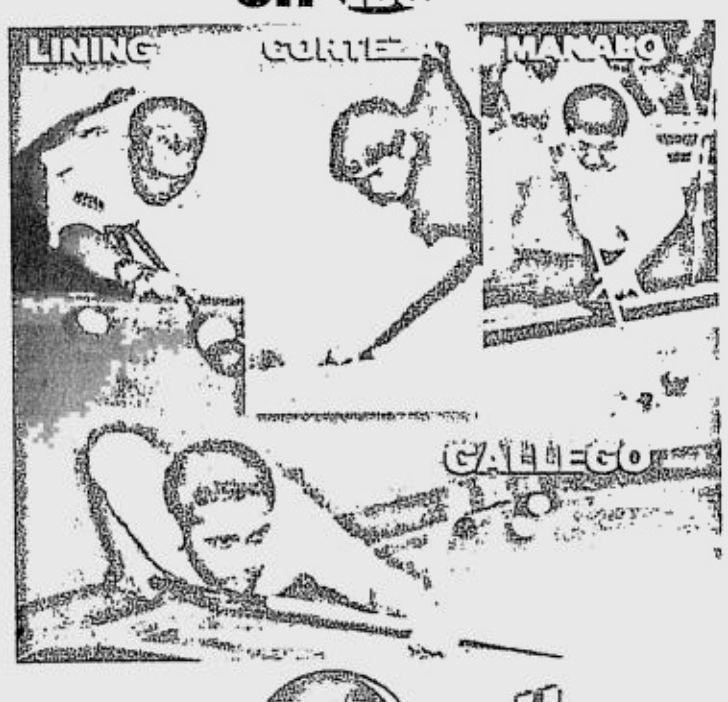

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By Marc Anthony Reyes

MATI, Davao Oriental—The third Mindanao Friendship Games, the first of two sporting events hoping to send a message of peace in the region, unfurls today at the Mati Centennial Sports Complex here.

BUHAIN

Only team events are on tap in the morning after the opening ceremony which will be led by Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain and Mati Mayor Francisco Rabat with sporting greats like cagers Caloy Loyzaga and Ramoncito Campos and sprint queen Lydia de Vega among the special guests.

The 26-event meet, which is more of a festival than a quest for athletic excellence, will run until the 24th. The following day, the much awaited 2003 Palarong Pambansa starts in Tubod, Lanao del Norte.

Buhain said the twin events are aimed at erasing the stigma brought about by terrorism, rebellion and fighting with religious extremists through the years in the region.

"We join President Arroyo in saying that peace can be achieved through sports," said Buhain.

Loyzaga and Campos are in Mati to lend moral support to Rabat, their former teammate in the RP team that placed third in the 1954 World Championships in Brazil. The three also saw action in the 1958 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Sen. Robert Jaworski, the former PBA star, will also be feted for his contribution to sports development during the opening ceremony along with former sprints champion Mona Sulaiman and swim ace Jairulla Ambali Jaitulla, who hail from Mindanao.

Ariel Paredes, the PSC's grassroots development chief, said this is the first time national athletes will be included in the Games although former RP team mainstays have already competed here the last two years.

Some 4,000 athletes from 41 local government units will see action in the meet which will also introduce nine new sports—billiards, cycling, dancesports, golf, gymnastics, shooting, triathlon, volleyball and weightlifting.

Other events on tap are arnis, athletics, badminton, basketball, baseball, boxing, chess, football, judo, karatedo, pencak silat, sepak takraw, softball, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo and lawn tennis.

"We also hope to discover young athletes with potentials to shine in the international arena," said the PSC chief.

Cagayan de Oro captured the overall championships during the inaugural MFG in Tubod, in 2001, while Davao City wrested the crown last year in Cagayan de Oro.

Court dismisses BAP case

THE COURT of Appeals dismissed recently the case filed by former Basketball Association of the Philippines president Godofredo Jalasco against the Basketball Association of the Philippines, Inc. headed by secretary general Nic Jorge, effectively nullifying the existence of the BAP which the court ruled is one and the same as the legal BAPI.

The CA's 13th Division headed by Associate Justice Martin Villarama Jr. also upheld an earlier decision of Manila RTC Branch 12 declaring Jorge's BAPI as the rightful Basketball Association of the Philippines.

This development threw the current BAP leadership in turmoil.

Before the CA ruling, Jalasco has since been succeeded two years ago as president by Tiny Literal, who now runs the BAP with Graham Lim as his secretary general.

The BAP had been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commissions as the BAPI on Dec. 22, 1994 with Jorge, Lito Puyat, Augusto Villanueva, Lucrecio Calo and Rolando Omampo as incorporators following a government order requiring all national sports associations (NSAs) to acquire a legal personality to be able to receive financial assistance from the Philippine Sports Commission.

Caribbean Cruise up for grabs

BARON Travel Corporation, in cooperation with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines will be staging the "1st Baron Travel-Royal Caribbean Golf Classic at the Manila Southwoods." This by-invitation-only golf tournament will be held at the Legends Course of the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club on Oct. 23. Tee-off time is 7:30 a.m.

Invited to this golf event are top executives of Baron Travel's corporate accounts. Aside from bringing home the championship trophy, the over-all champion is slated to win a 7-night Caribbean Cruise inclusive of a round trip business class ticket on Northwest Airlines.

The major co-sponsors of the tournament are Lufthansa German Airlines, Abacus Philippines, and Assist Card. Hole sponsors include Korean Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Philippine Airlines, KLM Royal Dutch Airline, Cathay Pacific, and PMC Finance and Investment Corporation.

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Jr Golf Open set Oct. 28 in Cangolf

THE COUNTRY'S top jungolfers will see action in the second TJGL Junior Golf Open slated at the north course of the Canlubang Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, Oct. 28. Tee-off is shotgun style at 8 a.m.

Open to Classes A to E, the event organized by The Junior Golfers League, in cooperation with CityGolf, serves as a major leg of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines' school season program. Mikee Camitoc, 14, is the defending champion.

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Hole-in-one prizes put up by Kawasaki Motors Phils. and Skygo will be at stake in all par 3s.

Deadline for registration is on Thursday, Oct. 23. For inquiries, please call or text the TJGL Secretariat at 0918-9450508.

Jao, Mendoza share bike limelight

ROSARIO, Batangas—Defending champion Jolet Jao of Shell Advance captured his seventh road race crown Sunday at the end of the Shell Advance Super Bikes Series at the Batangas Racing Circuit here.

Jao was bugged by problems in rounds 11 and 12 but still prevailed as he already amassed enough points to virtually have the plum in the bag.

Speedeffex ace Benjo Mendoza swept both races in the Expert division to share the limelight with Jao in the event sanctioned by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (Namssa).

PRESS CORPS AWARDS
Olympian and two-time Asian Gamer Rafael "Paeng" Hechanova poses with sportsmanship awardees (from left) Larry Fonacier of Ateneo, Lope Juban III of La Salle-Zobel and UP's Camille Dowling during the UAAP Press Corps awarding ceremonies last Friday at the Scoop sa Kamayan at West Avenue, Quezon City. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

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THE GOOD thing about Luisito Espinosa is he hasn't stopped training for his world title fight against champion Cassius Baloyi of Giyana, South Africa, on Dec. 29 in Manila. The last bit of encouraging news I got was, even on Sundays, the former two-time world champion won't rest for even a minute or two.

"He keeps hitting the heavy bag," said Noel Rivera, Espinosa's manager. "Won't even pause for a while and he goes jogging almost non-stop, even on Sundays."

Heart-warming, indeed, are the bits of information filtering in from the so-called land of milk and honey, Espinosa's home for nearly five years or so now.

Back on local shores, many things are also going Espinosa's way.

One, Mayor Lito Atienza of Manila has reaffirmed his commitment to make Luneta the venue of the fight. There couldn't be a better man than L.A. spearheading the historic moment set to unfurl anew by the banks of the world-famed Manila Bay. It was there where, in the 90s, Espinosa himself did our country proud by winning classic fights, one of which earned him unsolicited praise from Jose Sulaiman, the incumbent president of the World Boxing Council. After Espinosa had beaten Cesar Sotto by unanimous decision, Sulaiman said, "Espinosa gave Sotto a neat lesson in boxing."

Two, San Miguel Beer and Pagcor have tossed in their support behind the fight, which will, if plans do not miscarry, be beamed live worldwide.

Three, even Edgardo "Boy" Cantada himself, the proud reviver of an institution of a boxing show that is the Fistorama, aired every Sunday on RPN 9, has acceded to becoming the co-promoter of the fight and, barring any major hitch, will offer the facilities of his world-class Cantada boxing gym for Espinosa's use once the Filipino fighter comes home from San Francisco in the last stages of his preparation for the bout.

There are more good news coming Espinosa's way but this one tops them all: Judge Rosario Cruz of Manila has finally calendared for Oct. 28 the hearing on the case Espinosa had filed against the organizers of that infamous world title fight in Koronadal, South Cotabato, in 1997 where Espinosa, the winner by a sixth-round knockout of Carlos Rios, was not given his purse of nearly $150,000.

For nearly two years, the case went nowhere. The presiding judge then, Felicisimo Cabigao, retired and left Espinosa with no recourse but go find his pot of gold in America.

I must now extend the glad hand to Judge Cruz for having revived the case. The hearing starts at 8:30 a.m.

For Espinosa, now 35, to not savor the fruits of his toil in that bloody fight in Koronadal almost seven years ago, is hell enough. For Espinosa to see his case rot in the archives of our justice system is the pinnacle of mental torture.

I'm not saying we have to make Espinosa the winner in this case. Oh, if Espinosa could only use his fists in this off-the-ring fight, he would have long ago scored a knockout. You want to make a boxer's life miserable, give him a fight that will see him fight minus his fists, only with his teeth gnashing behind a mouth guard.

Let's not make the fight abbreviated, if the judge so desires. But finish it we must, soon, if only to render justice where justice is due. How many times do we have to say that justice delayed is justice denied?

Espinosa, already a national icon with his two world crowns in the bantamweight and featherweight divisions, is gunning for an unprecedented third world title. He will not only become the first Filipino to win three world titles in three different decades if he unseats Baloyi for the IBO junior lightweight crown. He will also become the first to win world crowns in two millenniums.

If only to give Espinosa some boost to spur him to work harder to achieve this one last dream—his last hurrah if you will—my prayer, Your Honor, is for a speedy resolution of the case.

I rest my case.

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FASTBREAK. Of course, it's Jose Alvarez Jr. who is one of the big bosses at Prestige Cars, not Lito Alvarez as reported here earlier. Lito Alvarez is president of Air21, which bankrolled the recent Tour of Pangasinan and for which I am deeply honored because the cycling marathon had its Grand Finish in Mangatarem, the land of my birth. The event also feted Pangasinan's cycling greats. I know that Jacinto Sicam, the 1981-1982 champion, had died. But to learn that Teodorico Rimarim, the 1974 winner, had also passed away like the cancer-stricken Mamerto Eden (1958 champion) added to my sadness. And Samson Etrata, the 1975 champion, now lives in Alaska. Rimarim, Sicam and Etrata, I've covered their cycling exploits. Although he won only two laps, Rimarim, who died after a heart attack only a while back, won the 1974 title with consistent Top 5 finishes at every lap. Sicam, who died after figuring in a vehicular accident at the MacArthur Highway in Tarlac in the mid '80s, was one of the better, good-looking cyclists, who could sing and yodel like 1973 champion Jesus A. Garcia Jr. Known by his moniker 'Pusit', Etrata it was who nipped Paquito Rivas for the 1975 crown with a tremendous spurt in the crucial oval battle at the Grand Finish at Amoranto Stadium in Quezon City.

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World Series begins; Wells opens vs Penny

NEW YORK—David Wells will open for the New York Yankees on Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila) against Florida's Brad Penny in the World Series.

With both teams scraping their bullpens to win their pennants, the Yankees and Marlins each used three pitchers who usually start in Game 7 of their league championship series.

Yankees manager Joe Torre hasn't figured out whether Andy Pettitte or Mike Mussina will pitch Game 2, Florida manager Jack McKeon picked Mark Redman for the second game Sunday and Josh Beckett for the third back in Miami on Tuesday.

"Last night, on the plane, they came up and told all the pitchers our roles," Penny said. "It's exciting."

Wells, a 40-year-old left-hander, threw 104 pitches in Tuesday's 4-2 Game 5 win at Boston, then came out of the bullpen Thursday night in the Yankees' 6-5, 11-inning win in Game 7.

NEW York Yankees' Aaron Boone (left) and David Wells celebrate in the locker room following their 6-5 win over the Red Sox in Game 7. AP

"I've been blessed with a rubber arm—just hope that everything else falls in and I'm ready to go," Wells said.

Mussina had a 95-pitch outing in Game 4 Monday, then relieved Thursday when Roger Clemens was chased in the fourth inning after throwing 65 pitches. Making the first relief appearance of his career after 400 regular and postseason starts, Mussina came in with New York trailing 4-0 and runners at the corners with no outs.

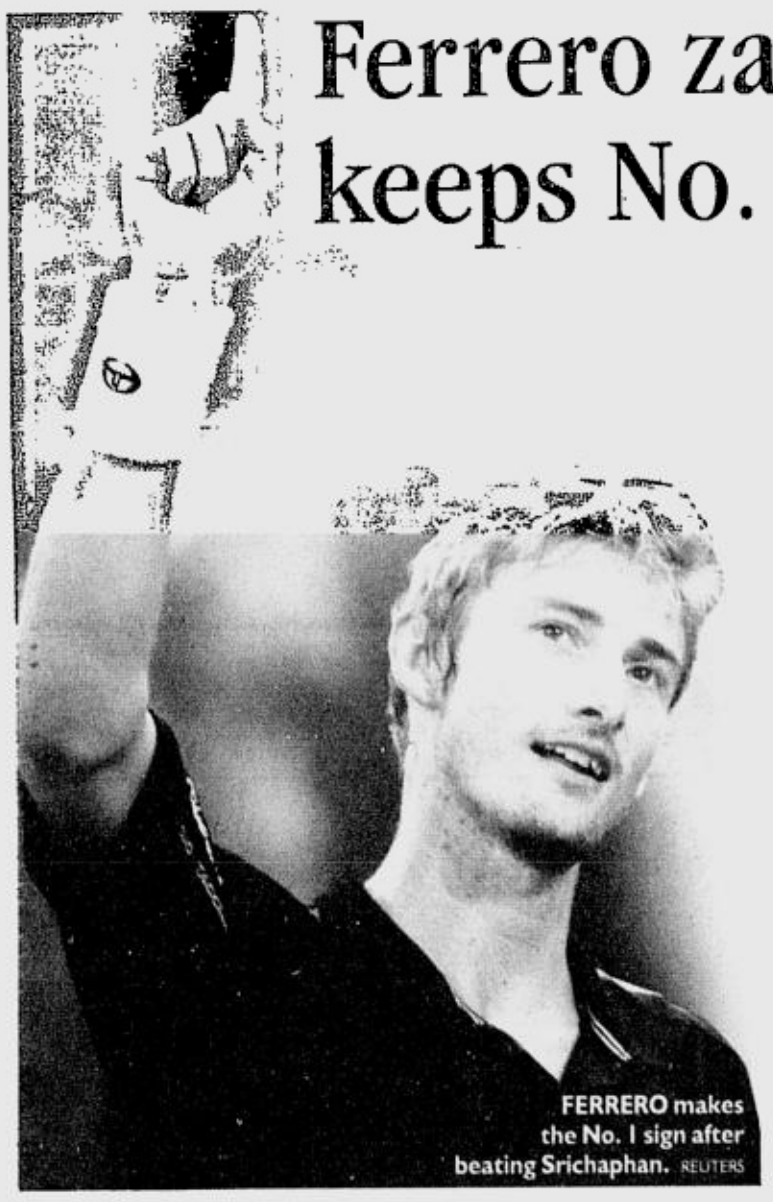
He struck out Jason Varitek and got Johnny Damon to bounce into a double play, and wound up allowing two hits in three scoreless innings. Mussina threw 33 pitches.

"The guy who stopped the bleeding, the guy who put a tourniquet on the whole thing, was Mike Mussina," Torre said. "That was the turning point for me."

Pettitte, New York's other postseason starter, threw 92 pitches Wednesday in New York's 9-6 loss in Game 6. Torre also is taking into account that Clemens, who intends to retire after this series, is 41, and that Wells isn't as wedded to routine as most starters.

"He can get up Christmas morning and probably throw the ball 89 (mph)," Torre said. "Andy recovers pretty well. Moose proved last night he can come back out of the bullpen—he doesn't like the fact that we know that—but he's probably one of the guys that we try to keep on his day." *AP*

Ferrero zaps Srichaphan, keeps No. 1 world ranking



FERRERO makes the No. 1 sign after beating Srichaphan. REUTERS

MADRID, Spain—Juan Carlos Ferrero beat Paradorn Srichaphan, 6-4, 6-2, Friday to reach the semifinals at the Tennis Masters Madrid and hold onto his world No. 1 ranking.

Ferrero, who has topped the ATP rankings for six straight weeks ahead of Andy Roddick, easily handled the quarterfinal challenge of the 11th-ranked Thai before a sellout crowd of 9,400 in Rockodromo Arena.

The top-seeded Spaniard broke for 4-3 and held on, taking the first set with a forehand winner.

Ferrero broke for 2-1 and 4-1 leads in the second set, winning the match when Paradorn netted a return after the French Open champion had double-faulted on his first match point.

Had Ferrero lost, Roddick would have taken over the No. 1 ranking on Monday. Roddick leads the Champions Race, but Ferrero will close in on the American this week.

"It's very important for me to keep being No. 1 in the world and, also because I'm in Spain, I try to show everybody I'm in great form," Ferrero said. "But when I get on court I try to forget I have to keep my No. 1."

Last year, Ferrero was a quarterfinalist in Spain's biggest tournament, losing to eventual champion Andre Agassi.

Ferrero has won three Tennis Masters Series in his career, Rome in 2001 and Monte Carlo in 2002 and this year.

On Saturday, he'll play Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, who came from behind to beat Feliciano Lopez, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4, in the last quarterfinal.

Earlier, Younes El Aynaoui and Nicolas Massu both rallied from a set down to reach their first career Tennis Masters Series semifinals at the US$2.9-million tournament.

Meanwhile, in Zurich, Switzerland, Justine Henin-Hardenne needed five match points to overcome Vera Zvonareva, 6-4, 6-2, while Kim Clijsters had an easier time in the Swisscom Challenge quarterfinals Friday.

Top-seeded Clijsters beat Slovenian qualifier Tina Pisnik, 6-3, 6-2, in their quarterfinal. *AP*

Els stays on course

VIRGINIA WATER, England—Ernie Els will have a record-tying fifth World Match Play title in view in Saturday's semifinals against Vijay Singh.

Thomas Bjorn will have another focus in his match against Ben Curtis, the player who beat him out of the British Open three months ago.

Els, the defending champion, defeated fellow South African Tim Clark 2 up on Friday in their 36-hole match on the West Course at Wentworth.

In the other quarterfinals: Vijay Singh defeated Shaun Micheel 1 up on the second sudden-death playoff hole—the 38th; Curtis beat Chad Campbell 5 and 3; Bjorn defeated Masters Champion Mike Weir 5 and 4. *AP*

'Assassin' takes command

GREENSBORO, North Carolina—With an ever-present smile, 1.7-meter (5-foot-7) Shigeki Maruyama doesn't look like much of a threat on the golf course. But he's not nicknamed the Smilin' Assassin for nothing.

The diminutive Maruyama reeled off nine birdies en route to an 8-under 64 Friday and a commanding lead after two rounds of the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro.

Maruyama, who is at 15-under 129, leads at the halfway point by five shots over Brad Faxon, who lost in a playoff here in 1997.

Maruyama laughed when asked about his nickname.

"I'm not as dangerous as an assassin," he said with a smile.

Faxon, wearing a Boston Red Sox cap, shot his second straight 67 at Forest Oaks Country Club.

As Faxon walked up the 18th fairway, one fan yelled: "Let's go Yankees." Faxon broke into a wide grin.

But Maruyama was the main story on this day.

"Five shots is a big lead on any course after two days," Faxon said. "I love the guy. I think he's good for golf and he's sure on." *AP*

Sisos dominate tennis circuit

BERNARDINE Nino Siso whipped newcomer Ronald Roderos, 6-2, 6-2, in the boys' 12-under battle to lead the favorites' march to the semifinals of the Osaka Junior Tennis Circuit monthly tournament at the Cebu Country Club.

Siso, currently the country's No. 1 in the 10-under, will be joined in the semifinal round by fast-rising Cyril Camporedondo, who won over Talamban's Ark Montecalvo, 6-4, 6-4.

Siso's sister, Sally Dine, also booked a semifinal seat in the girls' 12-under where she will meet Marjorie Sollano.

Another Siso in Sally Mae breezed past John Arnel Go in the unisex 10-under division to set up a confrontation with another favorite, Joseph Tallo, a 6-0, 6-1 winner over Jacob Lagman.

The Osaka Tennis Circuit is held under the auspices of the Cebu City Sports Commission led by chairman Jonathan Guardo.

NCA grand derby lures 82 entries

TWELVE more prominent cockers are joining the much-awaited NCA Grand National 8-Stag Championship Derby on Nov. 10, 12 and 14, bringing the total number of participants to 82.

According to National Cockers Association top guns Rep. Rudy Albano, Eddie Araneta and Gov. Ito Ynares, the event, to be held at the air-conditioned Araneta Coliseum, is being compared to an international derby because of the top quality fights to be staged and the star-studded list of participants.

The latest batch of participants will be bannered by veteran derbyists Peping Cojuangco and Esting Teopaco of Tarlac, Ramon Lacson Jr. and Louie Gene Lacson of Negros Occidental and Buboy de los Santos of Laguna, Max and Bebot Roxas of Tarlac.

The NCA has put up an independent committee composed of Johnny Jalandoni, Boy Nilo Lizares, Boy Velez, Jun Cometa and Boy Jiao to see to it that only legitimate stags duly banded by their respective organizations will be entered in the derby. Participants must bring a copy of the screening and banding of stags by their respective associations.

The list includes sabong idol Patrick Antonio, Sonny Lagon, Jake and Butch Macasaet, former ambassador Danding Cojuangco who will represent Western Visayas, Northern Luzon and Metro Manila, Rep. Claude Bautista and Philip and James Chiongbian of Mindanao, Johnny Jalandoni, Boy Velez, Jun Cometa, Boy Nilo Lizares of Negros Occidental, Representatives Albano, Rocky Molintas and Chito Bersamin of Northern Luzon, Madlambayan Brothers, Jun Jingco and Alex Escalona of Central Luzon, Pol Estrellado and Jun Mendoza of Southern Luzon, Jorge "Nene" Araneta, Gov. Ito Ynares, Ruel Ricafort, P. Berin, Jet Fernando, Gerry Ramos, Mayor Nene Aguilar, Ram Loepz, Mario Villamor, JV Magsaysay, Tony Tan, Boy de Roca and Louie Cua of Metro Manila.

SPORTSWATCH

Pinoy, Aussie shooters sparkle

ERIC Ang of the Philippines and Clive Barton of Australia won gold medals for individual trap and skeet, respectively, while the Philippines and Malaysia ruled the team trap and skeet in the Presidential Clay Shooting Championships held in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, recently. Ang bested 38 trap competitors from 11 participating countries with a score of 138 out of 150 birds. Barton, on the other hand, scored 136 out of 150 birds prevailing over 16 skeet participants. Australia's Steven Trembath scored 136 to win the trap silver while Jaime Recio of the Philippines won the bronze with a score of 135. Trap team winner for silver were the Australians with a total score of 323, five points shy of the Philippines' 328 tally. Tournament host is Presidential Adviser for Northern Luzon Sec. Luis "Chavit" Singson. The meet was sponsored by Pagcor, PCSO, Vigan Plaza Hotel, Fort Ilocandia, Fortune Tobacco, Coca-Cola and the local government of Vigan, Ilocos Sur.

Subic hosting Enduraman Triathlon

THE FIRST International Subaru Forester Enduraman Triathlon Challenge will unfold Oct. 25 at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority grounds. Dubbed as the next big thing in Philippine sports and regarded as Asia's toughest, the 3.8-km swim, 180-km bike and 42-km run Enduraman will feature the country's best triathletes. Veteran Alvin Alindogan, Frank Lacson, Noynoy Jopson, Elicia Domingo and Janet Belarmino are competing while in the quest of personal glory, Fred Uytengsu, Ricky Yupangco, Raffy and Larry Ocampo will try to test their skills in the challenging event sponsored by General Motors, Snickers, Monoc Bikes, Suunto, Salomon, San Remo, Briko, Optic Nerve, Subic Nternational Hotel, Business World Online, MTV Ink and Pulp. Visit website www.coreeventsasia.com or call 0916-6157560 and 0917-8197587 for more details.

Bitoon grabs solo chess lead

TACLOBAN, Leyte—International Master Richard Bitoon stopped overnight co-leader 12th seed NM Darwin Laylo of Marikina City after 30 moves of a Reti Opening in the top board encounter to grab the solo lead after the eighth and penultimate round yesterday of the 2003 Leyte Landing Open chess championships here. The event is sponsored by Leyte Gov. Remedios "Matin" Petilla and Presidential Assistance for Eastern Visayas secretary Vic Domingo. The 26-year-old Bitoon now has seven points after his sixth win and two earlier draws in the event sanctioned by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines and also backed by Marjorie Wanson of Marjorie's Garden Center, PCSO and FedEx. *Marlon Bernardino*

'Arnismaster' gets going tomorrow

THE "UCAP Arnismaster 7-Stag Derby" gets under way tomorrow and on Wednesday (Oct. 20 and 22) at the air-conditioned Araneta Coliseum. Entries must be submitted today at the Araneta green gate, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. For inquiries, contact 911-3101 or 911-2928. Ucap president Raymond Velayo, derby host, has invited more than 40 cockers and breeders. Three Ucap stag derbies will be staged this year to determine the Ucap Stagfighter of the Year winner, who will receive P300,000 and a trophy. Currently leading the race is newspaper publisher Butch Macasaet (Greenwood) who won the first leg last Sept. 12. The 3rd Ucap 7-Stag Derby unfolds on Oct. 27 and 29, with hosts Alex Tang of Bicol and Jet Fernando of Pampanga.

Luzon breeders tilt on Tuesday

THE ROLIGON Mega Cockpit welcomes the Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association members on Tuesday, Oct. 21, as the LGBA 7-Stag Derby finally fires off. Seeing action on Tuesday's first round eliminations (3-stag) are 45 participants. Round two, featuring another 45 entries, is on Thursday while the finals is on Saturday. Sponsors are Washout Shampoo, Pitfighter Feeds, Enertone, Derby Ace, Amtyl 500, Supremo Pellets and Strike Power Pellets. Participants are reminded to submit entries tomorrow 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City. For inquiries, contact 924-5051. Other LGBA derbies are set for Nov. 4, 6 and 8 (second leg); Nov. 11 and 13 (third leg) and Nov. 18 and 20 (championship). Interested parties may also contact Roligon at 833-1638 or LGBA secretariat (911-8969).

Fistorama features 10-round bouts

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama today features two exciting 10-round bouts in the minimumweight and superfeatherweight divisions. Rodel Mayol faces Thai Namchai Thaksin-Isaru and Rolando Gerongco squares off with Ben Vermodes. The fights were held recently at the Ormoc Superdome in Ormoc City. The show, now on its second year, is aired at 2 p.m., Sundays, on RPN 9. It is backed by Samsung Electronics Phils. Corp. and Cebu Pacific. Golf Power follows immediately at 3 p.m.

Jr netfest listing at PCA today

TODAY is the last day of registration for the Philippine Columbian Association Open junior tennis tournament which will start on Oct. 25 at the PCA outdoor courts in Plaza Dilao. Tournament director Bobby Mangonay said players who wish to join may contact Loida Mallare and Cesar San Juan at the Philta office (525-6434) and Anette Reclusado at the PCA Open Secretariat (536-8501 loc. 113, 131, 132 and 562-9278) or visit website (www.pcaopen.org) for details.

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UAAP MVP
University of the East swingman James Yap (center) poses with fellow Dickies endorser Jamir Garcia, lead vocalist of Slapshock, and action star Rudy "Daboy" Fernandez during a recent dinner honoring his achievement as this year's UAAP MVP at the Red Crab restaurant along T. Morato Avenue, Quezon City. The 6-foot-3 Yap and other achievers endorse Dickies, one of the world's leading apparels.

TRIATHLON BACKERS
Corevents Asia president Corrine Lee (third from left), organizer of the Subaru Forester Enduraman Subic Triathlon Challenge, joins the sponsors of Asia's toughest race slated Oct. 25 at the Subic Bay Naval Base in Olongapo City. From left are Jac Chua of Monoc Bikes, Red Corner VP Joseph Pangulayan, Lee, Sysu Inc. marketing manager Stephanie Sy and Jet Lacson and Geronimo Begre of Optic Nerve.

Mitra Cup slated Nov. 9; Santa Ana is new venue

CURRENT juvenile stars Don Paolo and Cat's Jewel as well as top three-year-old campaigner Success Story were among the early nominees for the fourth running of the Philtobo-Mitra Cup Racing Championships which has been reset to Nov. 9 at a new venue—the Santa Ana Park.

Don Paolo is expected to lead the field in the Juvenile Colts, while Cat's Jewel will spearhead the Juvenile Fillies cast. On the other hand, Success Story will be entered in the Three-Year-Old Colts.

The Juvenile Colts, Juvenile Fillies and Three-Year-Old Colts are three of the six major races to be contested in the racing festival which will also have the Three-Year-Old Fillies, Imports and Classic races in its hectic schedule on Nov. 9

"It's definitely go for the 2003 staging of the Mitra Cup Championships," Bienvenido "Nonoy" Niles, president of the organizing Philippine Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Organization, confirmed yesterday. "The Philtobo board decided to move the date and change the venue to give more time to horseowners and breeders to prepare their entries. We want to give everybody a chance to join this event."

The Philtobo-staged racing spectacle is being held annually to honor the late Speaker Ramon Mitra Jr., one of the founding members and prime movers of the prestigious horseowners-breeders group.

Backing the major horseowners-breeders' group in its undertaking are the Philippine Racing Commission, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and host Philippine Racing Club Inc.

A total pot of P500,000 has been alloted for each of the major races pitting the country's top gallopers.

SUCCESS STORY: Nominated in the Three-Year-Old Colts. PDI PHOTO

Other early nominees aside from Don Paolo are Flying Jordan, Last Hazm, Sir Brendan Jean, Empire King and Kuya Nandy in the Juvenile Colts. Cat's Jewel is tipped to be challenged by I Love This Game, Cool Runnings, Paramount and Cover Girl in the Juvenile Fillies.

Success Story may have High Octane, Money Line, Security Master, Sir Pierre, Laughing Matter, Savvy Lad, Iverson and With Distinction as rivals in the Three-Year-Old Colts, while Crystal City, War Hero, Roadshow, Sister Act, Galapagos, Strong Lady, Ruthless, Tatler Cover and Twister may comprise the Three-Year-Old Fillies roster.

Expected to join the Imports race are Midnight Lady, Absolute Charmer, Neat Laurel, Crystal Show, Cosanne, Triregal and All for Glory, while Free Wind and Golden Ballet are among those tipped to be entered in the Classic.

Multititled Wind Blown has earlier been predicted to run in the Classic but a recent injury made him a doubtful starter in the much-awaited race.

Philtobo vice president Francisco "Koko" Cayco said that registration/declaration is still going on and interested parties may call the Philtobo office (899-8313) for more details. A total pot of P500,000 has been allotted in each of the major races on tap.

Among the early favorites in their respective brackets are Don Paolo (Juvenile Colts), Cat's Jewel and I Love This Game (Juvenile Fillies), Success Story, High Octane and Security Master (3-YO Colts) and War Hero, Crystal City, Roadshow and Strong Lady (3-YO Fillies); Midnight Lady and Absolute Charmer (Imports) and Free Wind (Classic).

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Edwin Villanueva

I WAS deeply saddened when I learned that the great Bill Shoemaker has died.

Known as "The Shoe," Shoemaker died in his sleep at his home in Santa Anita last Sunday (Monday in Manila). He was 72.

The first thing I did when I got home that night (Monday) was pluck a book about him from my small racing library and read his exploits once again.

I consider myself lucky for having a copy of "Shoemaker—America's Greatest Jockey" which Bill co-wrote with renowned sports columnist Barney Nagler.

The book, published in 1987, was dedicated by Bill to his "darling daughter, Amanda, who has given me more happiness than ten thousand winners ever could."

Yes, Shoemaker has entered the winner's circle nearly 10,000 times. He's the first jockey to surpass the $100-million mark in prizes in a career that spanned 41 glorious years.

Each time I read the book, I never miss going over the 4-foot-11 wonder's four Kentucky Derby wins, particularly aboard Ferdinand in 1986, and the one that got away—his much-talked about ride on Gallant Man.

In what is considered as one of the greatest rides ever, Shoemaker became the oldest jockey at 54 to win the Derby when he muscled Ferdinand along a small opening on the rail to rule America's most famous horse race.

It was indeed a memorable victory because it came 21 years after he guided Lucky Debonair to first in 1965. He also triumphed in the KD aboard Tommy Lee (1959) and Swaps (1955).

His losing feat atop Gallant Man in 1957 was perhaps his most famous Derby ride. Battling the Bill Hartack-steered Iron Liege toward the finish at Churchill Downs, Shoemaker stood at the 16th pole, mistaking it for the payoff wire, and enabling Gallant Man to win by a nose. He got a 15-day suspension.

Despite the loss, Shoemaker was still praised by Gallant Man's owner, Ralph Lowe, who found no fault in the ride and gave him $5,000 and a new car. Gallant Man and Iron Liege met again five weeks later and Shoemaker exacted sweet revenge as his mount won the Belmont Stakes by eight lengths.

Even when he became paralyzed from the neck down in 1991 following a car accident, Shoemaker continued training horses for another six years despite being in a wheelchair.

On Oct. 21, the Hall of Fame jockey whom fellow great Chris MacCarron described as "one of the greatest human beings I had ever known" will be honored at a public memorial service in the winner's circle at Santa Anita during the week of the 2003 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships.

His wife, Cindy, said "The Shoe" will be cremated.

By the way, Amanda is now 23 and trains show horses in Porta Valley, California.

I suggest that our jockeys get a copy of the book, if there's still any, and read it for inspiration. If they want, they can borrow it from me or have its entire 269 pages photocopied as what my Silip Boy did yesterday.

Bill Shoemaker, he with the immense talent and soft touch on the reins, will be missed.

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Reader Juan Rafael Manalastas of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan is afraid, just like the rest of the *bayang kareristas*, that the "Two Stooges of Philippine Racing" might appear again during today's telecast of races at the SLLP so he is making this appeal:

"*Sana pabayaan na lang ang* microphone *kina* Howie Basilio, Andy Sevilla, Ira Herrera *at* Vince Trinidad *para di masira ang takbo ng* coverage *ng karera sa* Linggo."

Another mail-sender, Henry Serrieta of P. Florentino, España, Manila, is asking when the Philracom would announce its probe committee decision on the Alfredo Po-Dennis Camañero gun-pointing, errr, cell phone pointing incident recently;

"Lahat kami dito sa lugar namin inaabangan kung ano nga ba ang desisyon dyan pero parang natutulog yata sa pansitan ang mga opisyal ng Philracom.

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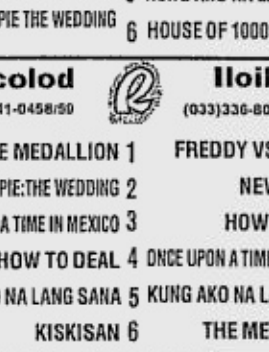

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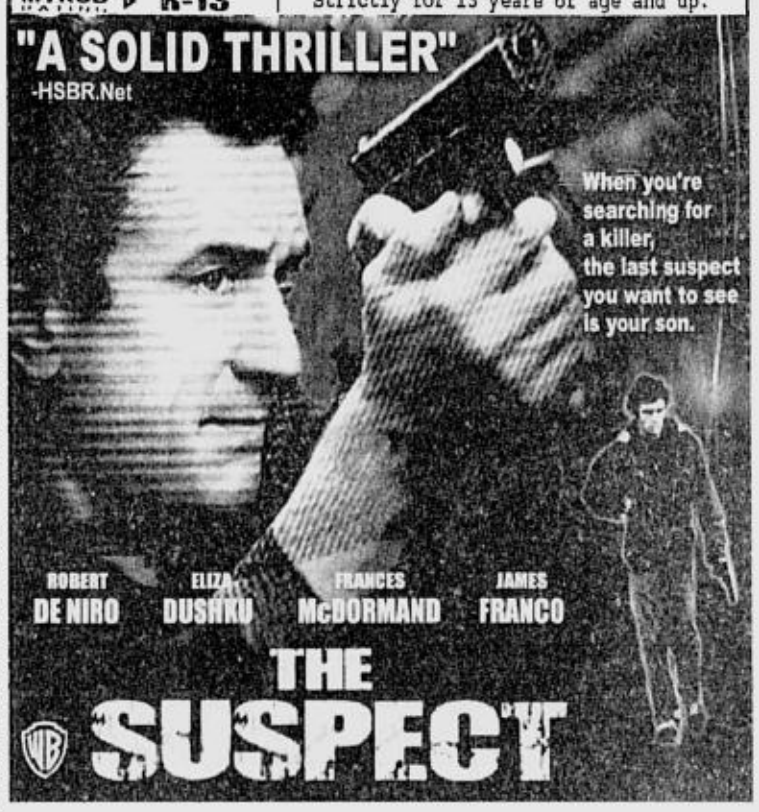

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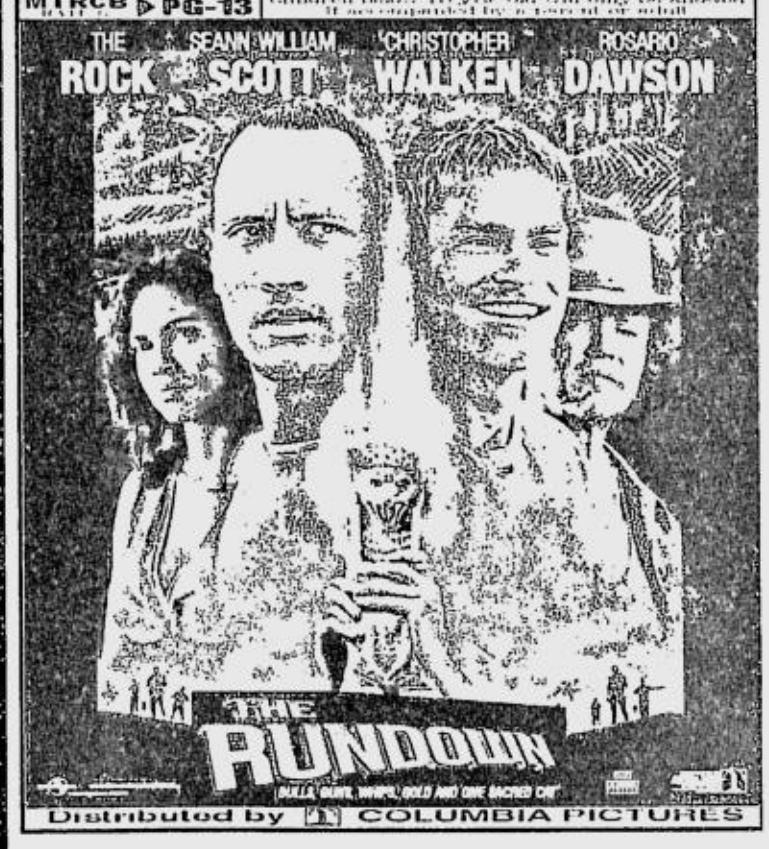

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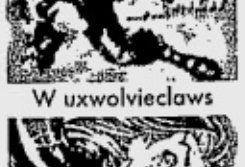

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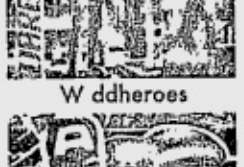

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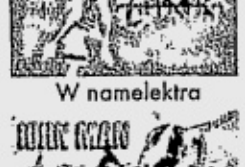

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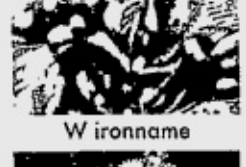
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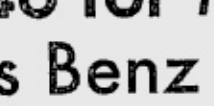

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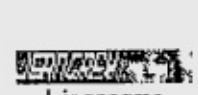

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Portrait of two alumni of UP Manila

Lady's career story began by raising funds for orphans

JOCELYN F. Domingo could not have planned her life any better. Only in her 40s, she is faced with an exciting new challenge. As President of Carat Philippines, a position she has held for a little less than a year, Doden is at the center of big changes in Philippine advertising by running a Media Independent company.

As a media broker of sorts she had her start in the unlikeliest place. While enrolled in an AB History in UP Manila in the early 70s, the precocious teenager already exhibited signs of the woman she'd become. "I'm not really entrepreneurial," she says, perhaps remembering what other kids her age then had done for additional pocket money. Domingo had bigger fish to fry: she sold corporate sponsorships for a show for orphans.

UP had always encouraged free-spiritedness and independence. The UP Manila campus at Padre Faura, though situated at the other end of the metro, was no different from its Diliman counterpart as far as imparting these values was concerned.

At UP Manila's College of Arts & Sciences then, the working-student population that went to evening classes represented the greater majority of enrollees.

Domingo was no different from most of the UP Manila students of that generation—mostly bitten by the "working student" bug, although nowhere as serious as "work" may sound. The typical social life with the barkada—Saturday night parties, the regular dash to catch the Manila Bay sunset after classes, weekends at the beach, and sem breaks in Baguio—still dominated.

First Job

"At that age, you still don't know what you're cut out for, career-wise," she recalls. "I found myself transferring to evening classes, deciding to work in the daytime. I signed up for Bata Batuta Productions' Sales."

Selling sponsorships is not a walk in the park even for a seasoned account manager; one can imagine how much harder it was for a fledgling like Domingo. But determination was her second name. Her success at her first job was a by-product

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PEACHIE Recio-Dieken with Doden Domingo inHong Kong.

Activist-turned-capitalist moves on to public service

ISIDRO G. Garcia, 52, Founder and now President of Trinity Insurance Consultants, came from humble beginnings. While he now runs one of the leading non-life insurance broker companies in the country today, one could say he has done his time. In fact, it is hard to imagine now that he once used to prefer to stay out of the classroom and make political speeches on campus.

Sid, as his friends call him, was encouraged to be a working student when, upon graduating from high school at the Ateneo, his father, the late Secretary of Health, Paulino Garcia, passed away. There were seven children in the family and although their mother was able to provide for tuition fees, there were many more expenses to be met. "Our finances then were not so good, so we were encouraged by our mother to get part time jobs," he recalls. "So I decided to study and work at the same time, and UP Manila was the obvious choice."

UP Diliman did not offer night classes, so anybody back then who opted to be a working student had UP Manila to fall back on. And it was at UP's Padre Faura campus where Sid learned what it meant to be independent. "I came from a sectarian school where we were pampered, so to speak, and all of a sudden I was in a university where people didn't really care who you were and what you were; at UP, you were left on your own."

He lived with an uncle in Paco, and with a lot of free time in his hands, it was not long before Sid landed himself a job with lawyer Juan T. David,

SPEAKING at a rally during Sid's college days.

SID today.

as researcher for the Constitutional Convention.

"Atty. David was a delegate to the constitutional convention. I was an activist then who was taking up Social Science, so I was involved in politics...and student politics. I belonged to student organizations like the Student Alliance for National Democracy (STAND.) We were involved in issues of social concern; demonstrating and joining rallies against Marcos, etc. So the job with Atty. David was actually perfect for me," he declares.

He was getting about P50 or P60 a month. "But I didn't mind," he smiles at the recollection. "What I learned from my research work, I could talk about in school. There were so many rallies, so sometimes I would find myself going from one classroom to another talking about politics." As for his first paycheck—"I think I ate out with my cousin and some friends in Ermita ... as my blowout," he shares with a laugh.

Sid became quite popular and when he ran for student council, he landed second over all after elections. One week after the council first met, Marcos declared Martial Law. "We were never able to hold office because Marcos abolished the UP Student Council, even the school paper. We then founded ourselves demonstrating in the streets," he reveals.

Juggling school and a job proved to be a challenge for the young Garcia. "The job itself was not difficult, as I said it was something I enjoyed doing. The difficulty lay in finding time to study for your subjects, because

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Firm makes sights clearer

WHEN Norlito "Lito" Domantay brought the Vision Express chain to the Philippines under a joint venture agreement almost 10 years ago, he knew he had a winning concept, because Vision Express offered something no other optical store in the country could deliver: one-hour service.

Domantay is now setting his sights on other countries in Southeast Asia. After moving the company's financial headquarters to Singapore, he is now set to open three more Vision Express stores in Brunei, Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur) and Thailand. The store in Brunei is set to open in the next few months. Including those in Singapore and Guam, the new stores bring its overseas branches to five. If he is successful, he says, he also wants to put Vision Express stores in Hong Kong, Jakarta (Indonesia) and Seoul (South Korea).

In the beginning, Lito's British partners wanted to expand to Europe instead of Asia. But he had other ideas. So he bought out his British partners, and soon expanded into Southeast Asia. He opened in Guam in 1999.

Since then, Lito—through a combination of sound instincts and good timing—has turned Vision Express into the most successful optical chain this side of Southeast Asia. Vision Express Holdings, the parent company, has registered sales of over $5 million or more than P250 million, a figure Lito hopes to double in the next three to four years.

It was his success in the Philippines that gave Lito the impetus to push forward into other countries in Southeast Asia. "I don't know how the other optical stores are faring, but we are growing at an average of 20 percent a year, recession or no recession," he reveals. "I think it's mainly because we have something new to offer people, which is the one-hour service. If you have something unique that customers want, then you will succeed."

Despite the economic downturn, he feels confident about pushing his expansion plans more aggressively.

"The eyewear market in Asia is growing," he says with full confidence. "As the population ages, the market gets larger because more people need eyewear. Of course, it also helps that eyewear is now viewed as a fashion accessory, so most people have more than one pair, depending on their mood or the occasion."

Sewing machine firm hopes to make it big in direct sales

THE RISING cost of living and scarcity of jobs have become burdens that lead to lucrative yet costly options such as starting a business or working overseas.

For Singer Philippines Inc., opportunities for profit need not require a huge capital or being away from one's family. All it did was tweak a few nuts and bolts of a tried and true concept of direct sales marketing business but this time, with an innovative, income-generating scheme.

Singer recently launched its newest undertaking dubbed as Singer Direct Sales (SDS) to its business partners via a presentation facilitated by its distributor Adrian Eleazar, General manager of Neosys Marketing.

Singer Direct Sales or SDS is the first to offer consumers sewing machines. The SDS program created added value benefits by incorporating attractive incentives to those who put in quality time and effort to the venture. Eleazar said SDS is the only risk-free and value-for-money investment option in the market that provides its members attractive earning options," "At P400 lifetime membership, SDS benefits on its own, offers incentives unequalled in the industry to date."

SDS comprises a three-tiered earning scheme namely direct selling, direct selling rebates and network override with a product reward referral bonus added to the package. It allows a member to choose best earning option that will suit their personality, core competence and interest.

Eleazar relates "Individually, each option offers attractive compensation and rewards. Collectively, SDS' ways-to-earn promises limitless income potential to both part-time and full-time Singer Professionals."

The concept of SDS relies heavily on aggressive selling but incentive-heavy scheme.

Eleazar however stressed, "SDS does not require monthly purchases from its members unlike most direct selling companies." He also guarantees its success with the member-get-member rewards system as it will allow the immediate build-up of SDS membership base thus shortening the waiting period for sales turn-in from both direct sales transactions and personal purchases of members."

Eleazar sees SDS as the next big thing in the direct selling industry, "the novel and unique marketing plan, along with Singer's credibility and brand recall, I am sure SDS will become a very strong player in the direct selling industry within the next 2 years."

Eleazar believes the first two years of SDS will see the gradual inclusion of more low-ticket household appliances, personal care products, and other consumer goods (consumables) to beef up current product line-up.

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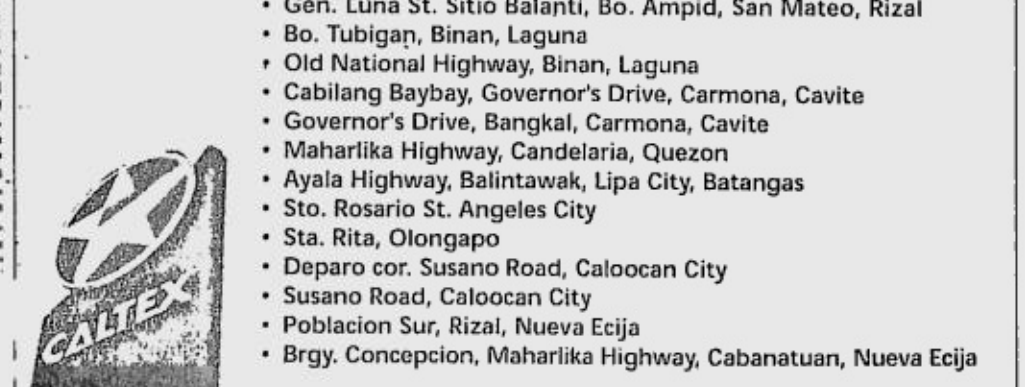

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there was a tendency for you (to) just (try) to pass. *Kasi para bang ang gulo gulo na nga sa Pilipinas noon, eh...* Academic achievement was not exactly what we wanted to focus on, as it seemed then that studies were just something we wanted to get over with."

Throughout college, an experience with one college professor remains etched in his memory. "I remember my professor, the late Secretary Guillermo de Vega who taught us Southeast Asian History. We met on the first day of class and he told us, 'This is the subject matter, this is the book that you will need and we will have our exam on this day... I'll see you.' And he never came back." They met again on the day of the exam. "Now, that really taught me to plan my studies, and the value of discipline."

And thank God for experiences like that and his gift of perseverance. Upon graduation, he had his first taste of the real world when he was made to manage the fiberglass company his brother and a friend started.

The firm closed after several years due to the prohibitive cost of imported materials. It was then that a friend approached him to partner up as a distributor of BF Goodrich Tires in Nueva Ecija.

The business required a lot of traveling, something that he, as a young man who had grown up all his life in Manila, really warmed up to. "We would appoint tire dealers in Nueva Ecija, and for the rest of my area, which went as far as Aparri, Cagayan, and Tuguegarao. We had to have one dealer in every town. I enjoyed it because I was very young then; it spelled adventure for me. I loved to travel, I loved to eat, I loved to drink. I could not even distinguish between day and night," he laughs. Business flourished because the government then had numerous projects in the provinces like building dams, among other infrastructure. But the point came when the economy turned sour, it being the time of Martial Law and all.

As luck would have it, he ran into family friend Albert del Rosario, now Philippine ambassador to the US. Del Rosario encouraged Sid to try a career in insurance. "I stayed with him at Gotuaco del Rosario & Associates for about two years," Garcia recalls. "That's where I learned all that I know about insurance; from there, I never looked back. After three years I decided to put up my own company."

GARCIA with family

SIGNING a contract as Eastern Central Luzon distributor of BF Goodrich.

It came as no surprise that after years of being in UP Manila, Garcia would choose to involve himself in a business that espouses service. As his company profile reads: "Our dream is to professionalize client servicing... designing insurance packages to tailor fit the client's needs and budget. The services we offer have three key attributes: customized, cost-effective and personalized."

His predisposition to help others is something he relates to the values he imbibed during his college years. "Being in UP exposed me to the problems of our country, and that was a big influence in my life; that's what got me to be concerned about other people. A lot of our teachers were also activists and they also came from humble beginnings," he points out. It comes quite naturally now that, having fulfilled his dreams as far as both his professional and family life are concerned, he expresses a sincere desire to revisit his roots for what he calls "payback time."

As President of the UP Manila College of Arts and Science Alumni Association, Garcia hopes the alumni homecoming (Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Makati Sports Club) will result in greater alumni involvement in UP Manila projects.

Lady's career story began . . .

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of a salesman's instinct and personal relations.

"Right after graduation in 1976, I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do," she recalls. "I considered going to law school, but my dad suggested I try working first."

Domingo remembers accompanying a friend to apply for a money market trader's job, with Doden getting hired instead. Money market then was the thing, just as call centers now are where new graduates (even from prestigious schools) tend to gravitate. "It was good training," she admits, "but I didn't think it was my thing..."

The job was short-lived. With most of her friends working in advertising agencies, Domingo decided to try a job in advertising. Guts and the early work training eventually paid off. She chanced upon Pacifica Publicity Bureau, of the late advertising and PR great Tony Zorilla, and in no time was asked to come over for an interview. She may have gotten in at the entry-level position of an account executive, but this was just the beginning of a long career in advertising and media sales.

"I spent the best years of my life at Pacifica, training ground for many advertising hotshots. The time I was there, Nonoy Gallardo was top guy in Creative."

"I stayed with Pacifica until I was approached by McCann Erickson in '79," she recounts. There, she assumed an Account Manager post before getting promoted to Account Director.

"My stints in the ad agencies not only took me to where I am right now; it was actually while at McCann that I was offered to move to Hong Kong," she points out. This opened a whole new world for Domingo. In Hong Kong, she worked for Asia Banking before later being absorbed by the Far Eastern Economic Review in 1982; two years later she moved to the company's Singapore office.

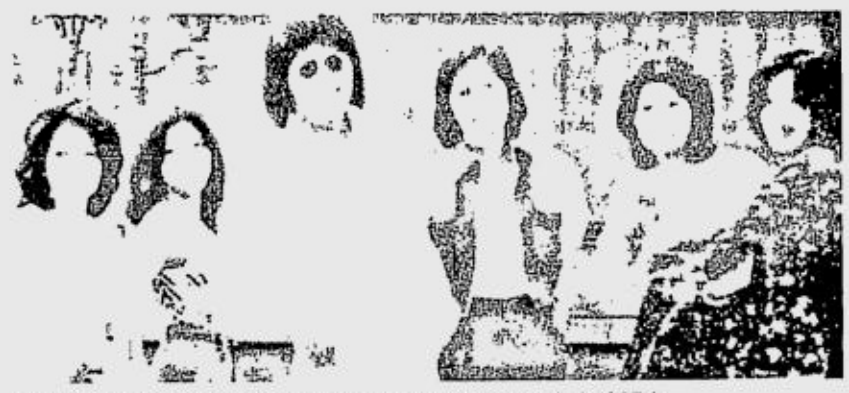
In 1989, she moved back to Manila to join the ad agency Couldry Jones, where she essentially performed a business development function. A few years later she was back in Hong Kong, then Singapore, working for a company called Seavex Limited, one of Asia's leading regional advertising sales and media organizations. Three years later she returned to the Far Easter Economic Review in Singapore. One last landmark was working for Asiaweek beginning in 1996 in the same two cities, a job that eventually enabled her to move to New York.

Even in a city so far removed from everything she has been used to in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Singapore, Domingo was lucky enough not to have to go through a period of major displacement. In fact, unlike most people, the privileges she enjoyed extended to the mundane-gym memberships or free courses that would enhance job performance.

Before the world changed in Sept. 11, Domingo had moved between Hong Kong, Singapore and New York, but was back in Singapore before Asiaweek closed in November 2001. She stayed on and opened her own media services company called J202 before she got the offer to head Carat Philippines.

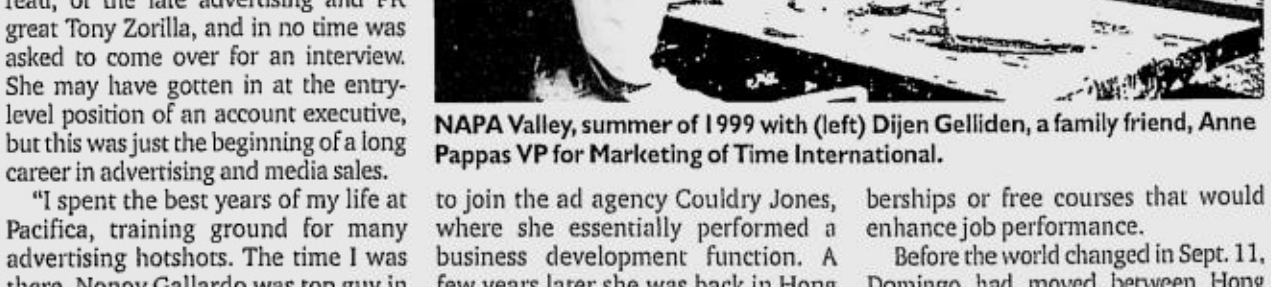
Her life and career have come full circle, as Domingo puts it. Under her stewardship, Carat Philippines will continue its progressive approach to media services, providing clients with both above-the-line and below-the-line approaches to reaching their market.

(UP Manila will hold its homecoming day on October 24 at the Makati Sports Club. The theme of the homecoming dinner is "Manila...Manila...I'm Coming Home to Manila.")



DOMINGO's barkada spending sem break in Baguio in 1974

NAPA Valley, summer of 1999 with (left) Dijen Gelliden, a family friend, Anne Pappas VP for Marketing of Time International.



GETTING together 28 years later in 2003 - Domingo, Lilann Lopez, Susan Celdran, Bing Avecilla, Joy Bautista and Len Francisco.

Lots for sale tap weekend farmers

By Christine A. Gaylican

LANDCO Pacific Corp. says their leisure farms can be a practical alternative to executives who are not only looking for a practical investment but who also want to have a respite from the "hustle and bustle" of professional life.

Dubbed as "Leisure Farms Tagaytay," the project aims to provide executives and professionals a place where they can engage in what Landco terms as "hobby farming."

Landco Group Head and Assistant Vice President Alfred Xerez-Burgos III developed the leisure farm concept for his masteral thesis at the Asian Institute Management.

"Landco purchased the land in Tagaytay in 1997 for an ambitious golf course project but because of the Asian financial crisis and its effect on the real estate industry, we decided to put the project on hold. We scouted for other options on how we could make good use of the land," Xerez-Burgos says in an interview.

He tested the leisure farm concept by conducting a survey to test the appeal of the concept to their target market. From a survey of 100 respondents they found that people in their 40s return to "simple, basic living, away from the madness of corporate and professional life."

Xerez-Burgos says the concept is not new but Landco's concept is more innovative "residential hobby farming and agro-tourism community."

The lot cost covers the following amenities: road network, water, electricity, perimeter fence, access road into the property and access to the park and the playground.

Since the primary idea behind the project is to provide hassle-free farming to the "weekend farmer," Landco is offering its so-called Farm Management Services. The services include the daily management and maintenance of farm lots, monitoring of farms and the management of agricultural resources and technology.

The 116 hectares of green, rolling terrain in Tagaytay was divided into 1,000-1,500 square meter lots. Prices range from P1,500 to P2,250 per sq.m. Out of the 626 lots up for sale, 400 have already been purchased. Xerez-Burgos says there are no restrictions as to the size of the lots people could purchase.

"He can buy as many hectares as he can. We had buyers who purchased one lot, and others four lots, and others bought one hectare," he says.

Owners of two lots can set up a house occupying a 400-sq.m. lot, provided that they observe the Deed of Restrictions. One of the conditions set by Landco is that the house should not exceed 20 percent of the total farm lot area.

Xerez-Burgos says the weekend farmer could also opt to enter into a "contract-growing" scheme with Landco. The arrangement would cover farm planning and consultancy, farm development and maintenance and supervision. It also covers crop harvesting and wholesale disposal of the farm produce.

The farm has its own supply depot where equipment for farming such as gardening tools, seedlings, pots, fish nets for green house farming, organic compost fertilizers and tractors can be found.

For "first-time farmers," the firm offers technical support. A pool of farm experts are on hand to provide advice and assistance to hobbyists regarding farming concerns such as laying-out the farm lot and formulating the crop mix.

The firm has also put up the Demo Farms where farm owners can observe agricultural management and modern farming techniques.

As for the kind of crop, which the weekend farmers can plant on their farm, Landco is not setting any restrictions but encourages their clientele to concentrate on high-valued crops.

The produce, when harvested, may then be sold in markets set up inside the vicinity.

Xerez-Burgos adds that the lot is not merely restricted to farming. He says that a portion of the farm lot may be converted into fishponds as long as the area covered does not exceed 5 percent of the total farm area.

An area equivalent to 2 percent of total farm lot may be allotted to livestock such as goats, carabaos and cows but raising pigs are not allowed.

As compared to buying other pieces of real property, Landco's business development manager Dianne Malonzo claims that buying the farm lot is more sensible.

"When you buy a condominium unit, you have to contend with a lot of issues like the market demand, how new the unit is, its location and the amenities offered. As for vacant lots, you would have to think of ways on how to make it more profitable," says Malonzo.

Oil firm works to save bay

MANILA Bay is famous for its majestic sunsets and is considered one of the finest natural harbors in the world. But beneath the shimmering waters is an ecosystem under attack.

Proof? At the turn of the 20th century, Manila Bay was home to some 54,000 hectares of mangroves. By 1995, only about 794 hectares were left. The number of coral reefs along the mouth of the Bay has also decreased significantly.

Of more recent vintage is the Kontra Kalat sa Dagat (KKD) coastal cleanup drive initiated by Petron to celebrate its 70th anniversary on Sept. 20—volunteers from Petron were able to collect 10 metric tons of trash on the coastal areas of Limay, Bataan and Navotas, Metro Manila.

"The Bay is ringed by the cities of Manila, Pasay, Parañaque, Las Piñas and Navotas and the provinces of Bataan, Pampanga, Bulacan and Cavite. That means it is bombarded with pollution from households and industries in all those places, not to mention from marine vessels," explained Petron President Khalid D. Al-Faddagh. "Kontra Kalat sa Dagat is proof of our commitment to the responsible use of our natural resources, including but not limited to, Manila Bay. We believe that caring for the environment will help us sustain our business well into the future."

Sept. 20 happened to be International Coastal Cleanup Day. The company conducted more coastal cleanups, mangrove planting and tree planting in terminals and depots in Amlan, Bacolod City, Roxas, Jimenez, Tagbilaran, Butuan, Gen. Santos, Davao City, Cebu City, Iloilo City, Leyte and Zamboanga City.

In 1999, Petron partnered with the provincial government of Bataan for Kontra Kalat sa Dagat, the first coastal cleanup drive in the province. Starting with 5,000 volunteers from different sectors in only three barangays, KKD has grown into a full-blown campaign against polluting the sea.

Five years after it was first implemented, Kontra Kalat sa Dagat has expanded to involve over 75,000 volunteers who pulled off the Herculean tasks of cleaning up 153 of Bataan's 238 barangays, clearing 133 of the 177 kilometers of coastline and collecting over 600 metric tons of trash.

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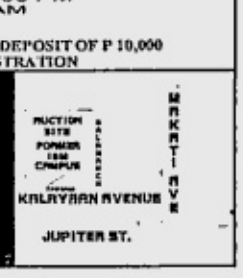

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26. 2 Sty. Res'l. T'hse/ # 13-B Teodora Vill. Pandayan (via St. Francis Subd.) LA-32 / FA-51	552,000
MANDALUYONG	**MIN BID**
27. Resl. Lot/ L-4 B-10 # 248 Sto. Rosario St. Plainview/ LA-540.97	4,599,000
MAKATI (Kingswood Condo)	**MIN BID**
28. Penthse/Unit P2F,Twr-B,28/F Vito Cruz Ext'n./ F.A. - 154	7,207,200
29. Penthse/Unit P3F,Twr-B,26/F Vito Cruz Ext'n./ F.A. - 154	7,207,200
VALENZUELA	**MIN BID**
30. 2 Sty. Res'l. T.Hse./ Unit-22 Sunriser Comp'd. Chico St., Gen. T. Deleon. LA-42.7 /FA-51	445,000
31. Lot/L-551-A-2-A-3, Pineda Compd.Bonifacio St.,Canumay – East. LA - 1,114	2,241,000
32. 2 Sty.Bldg/L-23-A-4, N.Urulia St, Palasan. LA-670 / FA-694	2,345,000
33. Lot-8-C-2-B, Santolan cor. Tolentino Sts, LA-353 / FA-432	2,851,000
ANGONO, RIZAL	**MIN BID**
34. Lot / L-6 Blk-2 Mills St, Sta. Monica Classic Estates, Ph-3, Mission Hills, Mababang Parang (via Antipolo)/LA-540	1,677,000
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35 Lot/ L-123 B-3-A, Almond St./ LA-403	806,000
36.Lot/L-125 B-3-A, Almond St./ LA-436	872,000
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38.Lot / L-19 B-3-I, Jasmine St / LA- 713	1,426,000

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(# 529 Purok Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili)	
39. 2 Storey resi. / Lot 2-G LA-2,384/NLA-1,861.9/FA-138	3,621,000
40. Lot 2-F/LA-2,250/NLA-2,008.88	3,157,000
41. Lot 2-E/LA-2,249/NLA-2,007.48	3,155,000
42. Lot 2-D/LA-2,250/NLA-2,006.06	2,043,000
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44. Lot 2-B/LA-2,619/NLA-2,338.68	1,254,000
45. Lot 2-A/LA-2,822/NLA-2,535.36	1,351,000
46. Lot 3-A-6/LA-2,071/NLA-1,820.62	401,000
47. Lot 3-A-5/LA-2,071/NLA-1,847.61	401,000
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49. Lot 3-A-3/LA-2,071/NLA-1,848.17	401,000
50. Lot 3-A-2/LA-2,071/NLA-1,848.36	401,000
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FAIRWAY LOTS	MIN BID
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54. L - 27 Blk. – 17 / L.A. – 828	3,147,000
55. L - 52 Blk. – 17 / L.A. – 1,130	4,294,000
56. L - 31 Blk. – 30 / L.A. – 858	3,261,000
57. L - 32 Blk. – 30 / L.A. – 715	2,717,000
58. L - 27 Blk. – 36 / L.A. – 771	2,930,000
59. L - 93 Blk. – 48 / L.A. – 783	2,976,000
60. L – 49 Blk. – 50 / L.A. – 582	2,212,000
61. L – 50 Blk. – 50 / L.A. - 627	2,383,000
62. L – 51 Blk. - 50 / L.A. - 732	2,782,000
63. L – 52 Blk. - 50 / L.A. - 540	2,052,000
64. L – 53 Blk. - 50 / L.A. - 1,027	3,903,000
65. L – 54 Blk. - 50 / L.A. - 638	2,425,000
NON – FAIRWAY LOTS	MIN BID
66. L - 14 Blk. - 16 / L.A. - 828	2,484,000
67. L - 09 Blk. - 37 / L.A. - 672	2,016,000
68. L – 35 Blk. - 37 / L.A. - 687	2,061,000
69. L – 12 Blk. - 38 / L.A. - 653	1,959,000
70. L – 03 Blk. - 43 / L.A. - 855	2,565,000
71. L – 06 Blk. - 45 / L.A. - 1,085	3,255,000
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73. L – 67 Blk. - 48 / L.A. - 506	1,518,000
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74. Lot / L – 38 Blk. - 5 / L.A. - 40	60,000
75. Lot / L – 39 Blk- 5 / L.A. - 108	162,000
76. Lot / L – 40 Blk.-5 / L.A.- 116	174,000
77. Lot / L – 41 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
78. Lot / L – 42 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
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85. Lot / L – 59 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 67	100,500
86. Lot / L – 60 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
87. Lot / L – 61 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
88. Lot / L – 62 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
89. Lot / L – 63 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000

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90. 3 Sty. Bldg. /# 500 Quirino Hi-way, Brgy. Bagbag, Novaliches. LA-180 / FA-488	6,950,000
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96. Offc. Unit/ Unit # 2004, OMM Citra Bldg. San Miguel Ave. (w/ parking)/ FA – 153.64	5,800,000
MAKATI	**MIN BID**
97. Lot / Lot-1-B & Lot-2-B, Buendia cor. Marconi St./T.L.A.-472	16,200,000
98. Lot / # 3904 Quingua St. Brgy. Pinagkaisahan / LA-612	13,770,000
99. Condo/ 5/F Millenium Plaza Eduque St. / F.A.- 261.24	12,436,000
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100. Comml. lot w/ W'hse. & Offc. Lot 2-H / LA-2,810 NLA-2,260.67 / FA – 580	4,268,000
101. Agri lot /Lot 3-B/ NLA 37,041	2,366,000
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102.Agri lot w/ resi H&L W'hse & Piggery/Lot 6181-A-5-A-1-A-1-I, Psd 4A-001202, Sampaloc TLA-101,038.65 / TFA-9,277	51,811,000
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103. Lot/L-4-A, Panganiban cor. Rizal Sts, / L.A.- 1,120	10,748,000
104. Lot/L-4-B, Panganiban cor. Rizal Sts. / L.A.- 1,102	10,577,000
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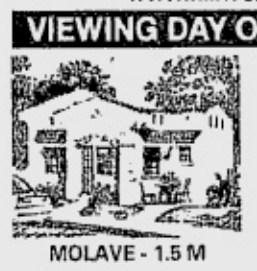
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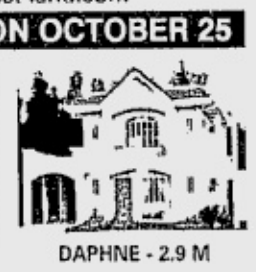
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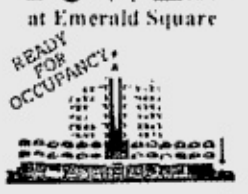

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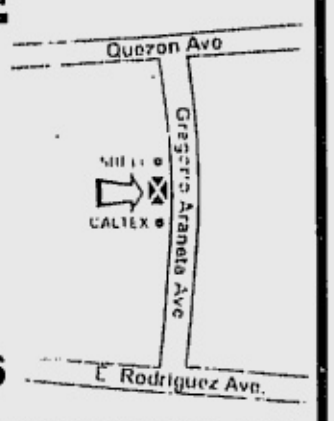

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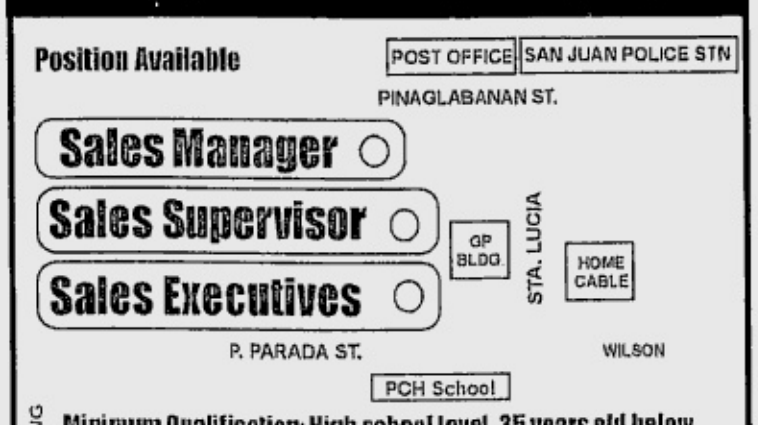

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INVITATION TO BID

The Trustee Committee for the Welfareville Property, through the Welfareville Development Project Bids and Awards Committee (WDP BAC), is inviting interested parties to participate in the bidding for the sale of a portion of the Welfareville Property located in Mandaluyong City known as Parcel 1 with an approximate land area of 718,313 square meters.

Interested parties may submit their Letters of Intent not later than 10:00 a.m. of 14 November 2003 and address the same for the attention of:

The Chairperson
Welfareville Development Project
Bids and Awards Committee (WDP BAC)
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Constitution Hills, Quezon City

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the sale of said Parcel 1 shall be ready for distribution on 24 October 2003 at a non-refundable cost of PhP5,000 for each TOR payable to DSWD in cash or manager's check. The TOR shall be obtained from Dir. Suzette Agcaoili, CESO III, Director IV, Asset Management Group, Ground Floor, DSWD, Constitution Hills, Quezon City, telefax no. 931-19-45 or 931-81-01 loc. 142.

A Pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., 14 November 2003, at the Boardroom, 4th Floor, DSWD, Constitution Hills, Quezon City. Only those who have submitted Letters of Intent and the TOR shall be allowed to participate in the Pre-bid conference.

Deadline for submission of bids is 10:00 a.m., 15 December 2003. Immediately thereafter, or at 10:01 a.m., the bids shall be opened. Submission of bids and opening thereof shall be at the Boardroom, 4th Floor, DSWD, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.

The Trustee Committee, through the WDP-BAC, reserves the right to reject any or all Letters of Intent or bids without offering any reason; waive any defect or required formality therein; assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify a bidder for any expenses or losses that he/she/they may have incurred in the preparation of the Letter of Intent or bid or resulting from such preparation; and accept such bids which may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) MYLENE G. ALBANO
Assistant Secretary, DENR
Chairperson, WDP-BAC

(PDI-Oct. 19, 24 & 31, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 748
Series of 2003

FURTHER RELAXING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSE TO SELL

WHEREAS, government recognizes housing as a strategic pump priming industry of the economy;

WHEREAS, the present housing production contributed by both the government and the private sector has been falling short of housing targets; this deficit is attributed to a number of factors, one of which is stringent and duplicitous government regulations and requirements; such as the requirement of DAR Conversion;

WHEREAS, EO 45 Series of 2001, calls for simplification of requirements and simultaneous and parallel processing of housing related permits and licenses of various agencies;

WHEREAS, RA 6657, which is the mandate of the DAR, provides in its scope of coverage and definition of terms that the law is applicable only to agricultural land not otherwise classified for residential, commercial, industrial or other similar development purposes;

WHEREAS, this board has consistently held on to the position that lands already classified as residential, commercial, industrial and other similar development purposes in Comprehensive Land Use Plans and Zoning Ordinances approved by the Board of Sangguniang Panlalawigan pursuant to EO 72, Series of 1993 are no longer agricultural in character;

WHEREAS, the issuance of Certificate of Registration and License to Sell by this Board does not exempt grantees thereof from compliance with and is without prejudice to the provisions of other existing laws;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, that this Board shall no longer require as a precondition for issuance of Certificate of Registration and License to Sell a DAR Conversion Order in cases where the property involved is located in an area already classified as residential, commercial, industrial or other similar development purposes as provided in CLUPs approved pursuant to EO 72, Series of 1993.

Quezon City, 17 September 2003.

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The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from October 10, 2003 to October 24, 2003** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretary handling the project.

Pre-Bid Conference	:	October 24, 2003 (3:00 p.m.)
Submission of Bids	:	November 5, 2003 (2:00 p.m.)
Opening of Bids	:	November 5, 2003 (2:00 p.m. onwards)

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Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) RENE C. FIGUEROA
Chairperson, BAC-I

(PDI – October 12 & 19, 2003)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please be informed that Ms. Ria Garcia, whose picture appears above, has ceased to be employed as Sales Executive and Admin Secretary with Bristol-Myers Squibb (Phil.),Inc. effective October 13, 2003.

She is therefore no longer authorized to represent or conduct any business for Bristol-Myers Squibb (Phil.), Inc. in any capacity. Henceforth, any transactions entered by Ms. Garcia on behalf of Bristol-Myers Squibb (Phil.), Inc. shall no longer be valid and binding upon company.

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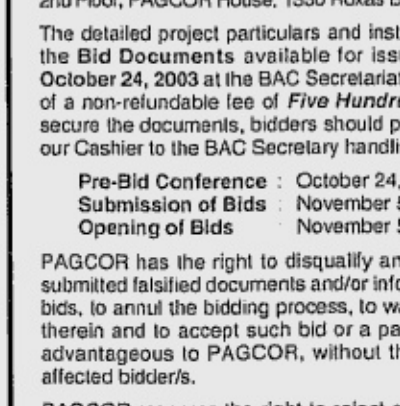

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For **Cadetship Program**, only those who pass the psychological examination will be qualified to take the **technical examination** scheduled on **November 22, 2003 for Luzon** and **November 29, 2003 for Visayas/ Mindanao.**

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Bid requirements will be issued at the PAGASA General Services Section, 3rd Floor, Building 1, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City upon presentation of this advertisement clipping, together with the company's TIN on **October 23, 2003**.

Bidding documents will be issued by the BAC Secretariat from **November 3, 4, 5, 2003** at the General Services Section, 3rd Floor, Building 1, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City, to those parties who applied and considered eligible to participate in the bidding.

Only eligible bidders shall be invited to the Opening of Bids on **November 19, 2003** at 2:00 p.m. at the 2nd Floor, Main Conference Room of Building 1, PAGASA, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Bids should be accompanied by a 1% Bidder's Bond in a form of Cash, Manager's Check or 2.5% Bidder's Bond in a form of Surety Bond, callable on demand within 120 days from the bidding date.

All inquiries, concerning this invitation to bid should be addressed to the Chairman, PAGASA-BAC.

The PAGASA reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason of its own, waive any formally therein when necessary, and to accept complying offer considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **ROLU P. ENCARNACION**
Chairman, PAGASA-BAC

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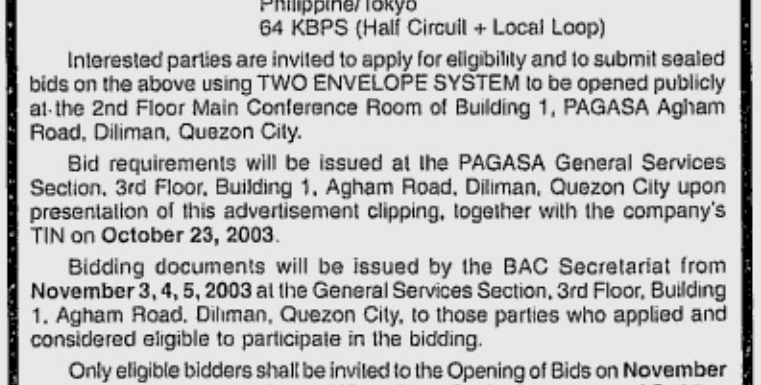

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Free palay warehousing from NFA

HERE is good news for palay farmers.

The National Food Authority is offering free use of its warehouses for a period of six months to farmers who would deliver their palay to the agency.

According to Angelito M. Sarmiento, presidential adviser on Agricultural Modernization and NFA council chairman, the free warehouse storage will enable farmers to save on cost while waiting for the prices of palay to increase. This will also help them access loans under the Palay Negotiable Warehousing Receipt Program (PNWRP), he said.

The PNWRP is a program that aims to provide opportunity for farmers to hedge on prices of palay and boost credit availability. The program provides the farmers free use of NFA designated warehouses for a maximum period of six months.

Sarmiento explained that NFA will issue Palay Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (PNWR) to cover for the deposited palay stocks. PNWRs are bank loanable and can be used as loan collateral with participating banks. Said receipts have also been earlier accepted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as a requirement for Agri-Agra compliance.

"It is hoped that ultimately, the PNWRP will increase investments in the countryside and will also help improve the quality of life of the farming sector," Sarmiento stressed.

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ATTY. ISABELITO HUERTO OJEDA

On the Third Anniversary of his rebirth to eternal life on October 20, 2003.

His wife **Sally K. Litonjua**; his children **Gina, Gerard, Isabelita** and **Susana Grace** request relatives, friends and pious readers to join them in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

Holy Masses will be offered at the following Churches tomorrow, October 20, 2003:

Christ the King, *E. Rodriguez* ..... 6:30 AM
Immaculate Concepcion Parish, *Cubao* ..... 7:00 AM
Manila Cathedral, *Intramuros* ..... 7:30 AM
Mt. Carmel Church, *New Manila* ..... 7:00 AM
Sacred Heart Parish, *Kamuning* ..... 7:00 AM
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Sta. Quiteria Church, *Baesa, Caloocan City* ..... 6:00 AM
Christ the King, *Green Meadows* ..... 6:00 AM
Mary the Queen, *San Juan, M.M.* ..... 6:00 AM
St. Francis Church, *Mandaluyong* ..... 7:00 AM

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

FELICIANO S. LACUNA

who passed away on October 3, 2003

wish to express our deepest gratitude to all those who offered prayers, sent flowers, kept vigil with us and in many immeasurable ways condoled with us in these most difficult times.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

CONCEPCION LIM YAP, M.D.

of Calamba, Laguna who passed away on October 10, 2003

wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all those who offered Masses, prayers and flowers, visited and kept vigil, joined us in burial rites, and in one way or the other condoled with us and showed love and concern in our time of bereavement.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

ATTY. MAMERTO J. SINGSON

Sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, gave donations, kept vigil, attended Masses and days of prayer, and who, in countless and immeasurable ways, condoled with and comforted us in our moment of grief.

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Name	Date	Time	Place	Place of Wake
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ANTONIO B. VILLANUEVA	Oct. 19, 2003	10:00 AM	Holy Gardens Taytay Mem Park, Taytay Rizal	Chapel-A Holy Gardens, Angono Angono, Rizal

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JULIANA E. OCSON

of Balayan, Batangas

peacefully joined our Lord on October 17, 2003 at the age of 95.

Her loving children **Bert** and **Angie Belleza, Edsel** and **Tat Ocson, Leo** and **Alice Aquino, Telet** and **Mercy Ocson**; nieces and nephews; and grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Balayan, Batangas.

Interment will be announced later.

So Lovingly Remembered
On his 8th Death Anniversary

RAMON R. ANGELES, MD

Died October 19, 1995

Mass will be said in his memory at the Sacred Heart Parish, Kamuning on October 19 at 7:30 a.m.

The family requests the pious readers whose lives he touched to remember him in their prayers.

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:8

So dearly loved
So fondly remembered
So truly missed

JACINTO BRAGA BRAGA, JR.

Peacefully joined our Creator on October [illegible], 2003 at the age of [illegible]

His bereaved wife **Premelita**; his children **Jacinto Blest, Jonas** and **Jnel**; sisters **Fe, Esperanza**, and **Ester**; brother-in-law **Frank**; and nephews **Francis Gerard** and **Moses**; other relatives and friends, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at #1 Jacinto Braga Sr. Street, Poblacion Burgos, Pangasinan

EDUARDA ESGUERRA DELA FUENTE

Died in the Grace of our Lord on October 18, 2003 at the age of 71.

Her beloved husband **ALEJANDRO, JR.**; children **AL & SANDY, JOJO & ANN, MARISSA & BOY MARTIN, DODJIE & NINAY, DIDIT & AL DE VILLA**; grandchildren; brothers and sisters; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapel G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at the North Cemetery after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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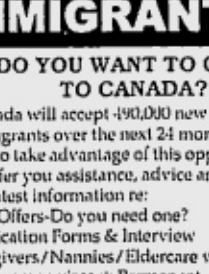
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Editor **Aries Espinosa**

CSB net income up by 40%

CITYSTATE Savings Bank recorded an upsurge of 40.6 percent in net income as of August 2003 from the same period last year. To date, the bank achieved a 120.41 percent performance growth surpassing its budget forecast for the year.

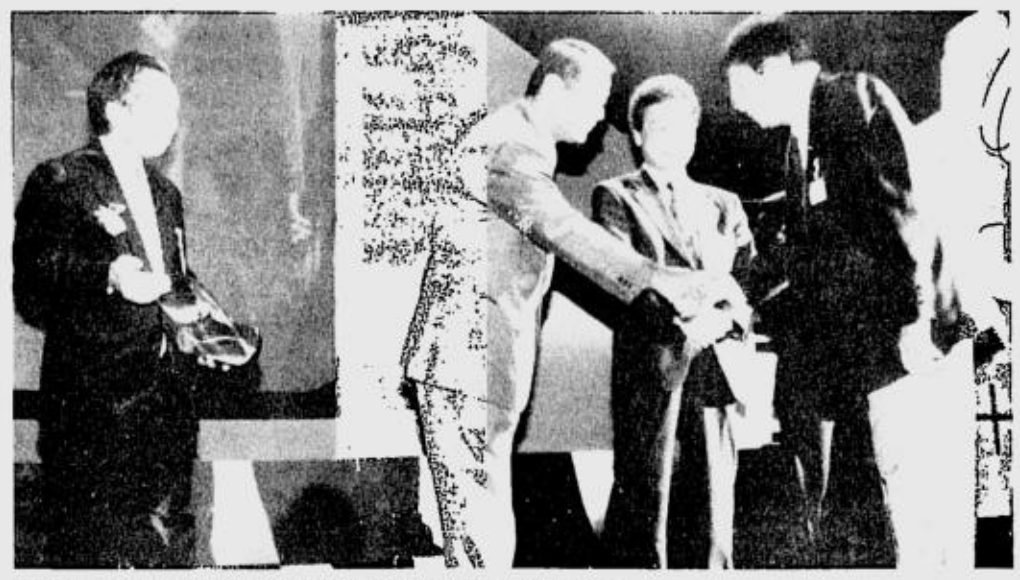
The achievement of the positive growth performance was translated to a return of equity (ROE) of 7.06 percent, one of the best performance in the thrift bank industry. According to D. Alfred A. Cabangon, President of Citystate Bank, this was attributed to several factors such as product enhancement, management of acquired assets, cost rationalization, re-focusing on its core strengths, which is consumer financing and prudent risk management.

Citystate Bank continues to have one of the lowest Non-Performing Loan (NPL) ratio of 7.06 percent in August, way below the thrift banking industry's non-performing loan ratio of 12.8 percent.

Now on its 6th year, the Bank has embarked on means of expanding product lines to further suit the needs of its consumers. For example, the bank's Citymax 3 in 1 account has features of a checking, savings and an ATM card rolled into one with only an initial deposit of P1,500.00. Citymax account helped give recognition to Citystate Savings Bank as the "Top Savings Bank" in the recently held National Consumers Quality and People's Choice Awards this year, the first and only time such an award was given to a savings bank. Likewise, the bank received top honors from BancNet as the most efficient member bank for 2002. Another first for a savings bank.

CSBI continues to be an active player in consumer lending with its competitive and flexible loan packages such as the Jewelry Loan, which offers the lowest personal loan rate of 1 percent per month, as well its quick and affordable Auto Loans. The Jewelry Loan has gained wide popularity in the area mostly among those who need instant cash to pay off existing credit card debts, personal loans and other occasions needing immediate cash. What makes this product appealing to the public is its low interest rate of 1 percent monthly, the lowest in the market today. For similar products, as well as its instant release of loan proceeds, just visit any of our Citystate Savings Bank branches to avail of this.

Publicly listed Citystate Savings Bank is a Filipino-Singaporean owned company, operated by a consortium which includes the Fortune Insurance Group, and the Citystate Management Group Holdings Pte Ltd of Singapore, a subsidiary of Liberty Mutual Insurance, one of the top 5 biggest and oldest insurance companies in the United States.



HONDA PHILIPPINES' 2003 TOP SUPPLIER

Tsuchiya Kogyo Phils Inc was recently awarded as 2003 top supplier of Honda Philippines for outstanding performance in cost, quality and delivery categories during the 30th anniversary celebration of Honda Philippines Inc held at Makati Shangri-La, Makati City. Attended by top executives of the company, officials from the Department of Trade and Industry, Board of Investments, Peza, suppliers and dealers, lawyer Rizalino Viñeza, president of Tsuchiya Kogyo Philippines Inc. is shown accepting the award from Satoshi Toshida, president and CEO of Asian Honda Motor Co Ltd and Yasuhiro Oyama, president of Honda Philippines Inc.

GARDENIA NOW SELLS MUNCHY'S GOODIES

Gardenia Phils. Inc., makers of great tasting bread that 'you can eat on its own' has been appointed as the sole and exclusive distributor of the best-selling products of Munchy Food Industries, one of the leading wafer and biscuit manufacturing companies in Malaysia. Three Munchy's goodies will be initially distributed by Gardenia and these are Lexus Calcium Crakers, Muzic Wafer Cubes and Rice-Kids Wafer Bar. Shown in photo proudly displaying Munchy's products (from left) are Gardenia's top executives Simplicio Umali, general manager; Charry Yamzon, product manager; and Nestor Constancia, marketing and sales manager. Munchy's products are now available in the market.

Jolina Call Cards raises 2M for children

THE MAKE A Wish Foundation (MAWF), an international organization that grants wishes of children with life threatening illness, in partnership with the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) and the country's concert princess Jolina Magdangal launched a fund raising campaign last May through the special edition Jolina Call Cards.

The fund raising project aims to grant more wishes of Filipino children with life threatening diseases. Often, children whose wishes are granted find inner strength to battle their illness and miraculously recover from it.

Jolina Magdangal, the most requested celebrity wish granter seems to have a special bond with children that no one else has. She generously and willingly took part in this project because she would like to make more children happy.

Just two months after its launch, the special edition Jolina Call Cards that is powered by the PLDT Touch Card, was able to raise P2,000,000. That's a lot of wishes about to come true. This was made possible through the generosity of the calling public and those who would like to make a difference.

The special edition Jolina Call Cards are still available in the PLDT business offices, SM Malls, 7-11, and other authorized card dealers. There are five designs to choose from. Each card has a denomination of P100. Cardholders may be able to use the card to place a domestic long distance call at P4.00 per minute, calls to cellular at P6.50 per minute and international long distance call at $.40 per minute.

NESTLE PINK LEMONADE LAUNCH

Attractive Pink hunks and ladies wearing pink outfits did the rounds of bars and restaurants at the Greenbelt 2 and 3 malls recently for the launch of Nestle Pink Lemonade with a Twist of Pomelo. They were on the spot for individuals clad in pink who purchased and tried the new Nestle Pink Lemonade and rewarded them with pink caps and pillows. In photo is a lucky Greenbelt Food Choices patron flanked by two of Nestle Lemonade Pink hunks and ladies. Other restos and bars toured by the Nestle Pink hunks and ladies include Cena, Masas, Uva, Temple, Famous, Cascada, Oody's, Merk's, Big Buddha, Cafe Havana, Ice Bar and Italianni's.

NOKIA HELPING HANDS AT ASILO ORPHANAGE

Volunteer employees of Nokia Philippines recently spent a Saturday of fun-filled story telling sessions with the children of Asilo de San Vicente de Paul in UN Avenue, Manila. The employees are part of Nokia Helping Hands (NHH), a corporate community initiative to promote proactive staff volunteerism among Nokia employees across 14 markets. The kids were treated to entertaining story presentations by the Nokia staff, free snacks and the chance to borrow and read books from the Mobile Library Van of Museo Pambata. NHH volunteers are set to embark on a series of community projects in the coming months.

Clear holds 2nd stakeholders' conference

THERE are only few living fresh bodies of water that can supply clean water. It is good to know that there are people who work hard to save these natural resources for future generation.

On Aug. 20, several groups committed to preserving Laguna de Bay converged at the Holiday Inn Galleria in Pasig for the 2nd stakeholders' conference.

C.L.E.A.R. is a tripartite partnership with Unilever Philippines, the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), and the Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands (SCPW).

Environment Secretary Elisea Gozun discussed the programs the department is doing to be able to preserve the environment.

The programs which include Eco-Watch uses a color-coding scheme that will give due recognition to people who works in lessening pollution, and give reminder to those who are not doing their share.

"We have to divide the effort to multiply the effect," Gozun said.

LLDA general manager Calixto Cataquiz informed the attendees of their four major programs: the enforcement of environmental user fee, river rehabilitation, implementation of revised ZOMAP, and shoreland management system.

Chito Macapagal, Unilever general manager for corporate development, said, "We assure the public that our business does not pollute."

Amy Lecciones of SCPW announced that the Philippines will host the Living Lakes Conference in 2005 which will be participated in by different countries involved in saving lakes around the world.

The stakeholders were also given an update of the current state of Laguna de Bay.

Participants for this year's conference were representatives from various industries located within the lakeshore towns.

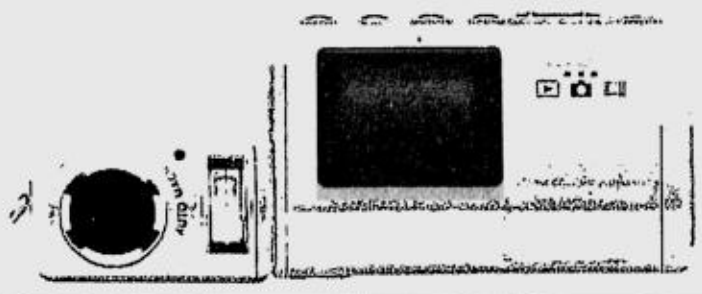
Speakers include Lennie Borja of LLDA, Grace Favila of Philippine Business for Environment, Raquel Echague from the Department of Trade and Industry, and representatives from Nestle Philippines, Bayer Philippines, and Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines Inc. who talked about their companies' environmental practices.

ProductFILES

New Sony Digital Still Camera Cyber-shot U50

SONY has announced an addition to its Cyber-shot U range of quality ultra-compact digital still cameras. Fashionable and fun, the exceptional design and the features of the Cyber-shot DSC-U50 makes it ideal for capturing the mood at parties and special occasions. It is fitted with a new type of Hybrid LCD screen that is less light sensitive and lets you see your object clearly in any situation. You do not need to miss out in the memories either, as the DSC-U50 has the added bonus of a rotating lens to get you into the picture too.

Although small enough to fit in your pocket or hang around your neck, the point and shoot Cyber-shot DSC-U50 is packed with features. The rotating lens is ideal for taking self-portraits and you will be able to frame a shot easily using the Hybrid LCD screen. Once you've shot your images you need to show them off and share them with friends and family, so the Cyber-shot DSC-U50 has also been well designed for connectivity. The new model is PictBridge compliant, which means you can print pictures directly from the camera via the supplied USB cable to a PictBridge compatible printer- all without the need for a PC. Both still images and movies are saved to a Memory Stick Duo capable of transferring your images between a wide range of Memory Stick compatible products such as TVs, phones and computers.



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Justice League at Shang Plaza

IN LINE with its theme "Heroes at the Mall", superheroes comes alive at the Shangri-La Plaza from Oct. 11 to 19. Join in the action at the Superheroes' booths, which promises a lot of exciting activities, raffles and games. For further inquiries on activity schedules, contact the mall at 633-7851. Or visit Shangri-La Plaza, Edsa cor. Shaw Blvd, Mandaluyong City. Mall hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Corban slates 'Business Writing' Study Group

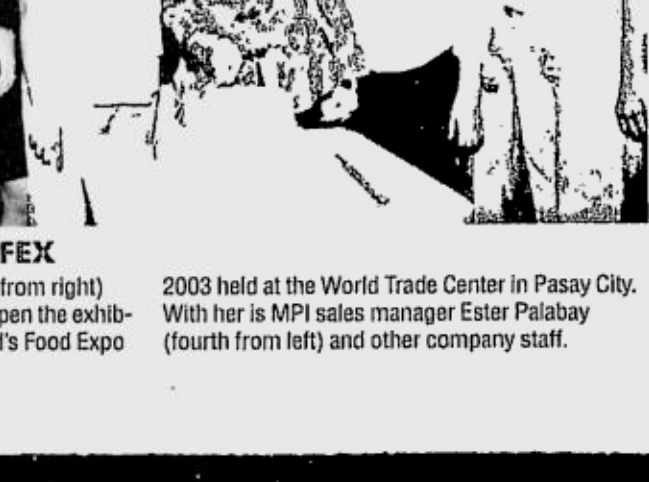
CORBAN Daycare and Tutorial Center will hold a "Business Writing" Study Group for professionals and college students, to be facilitated by Mona Gonzales, proprietor/educator/businesswoman and veteran journalist who has been published both locally and overseas. The Study Group will be held on Oct. 19 and 26 from 9 to 12 a.m. which will focus on various types of business correspondence. Interested parties may call Corban at 842-6665, 809-3050, 0917-6297718.

'Sound Fusion' by The Hub

THE HUB, Globe Telecom's retail launchpad, is in the midst of a Sensory Indulgence campaign highlighting technology through a multi-sensory experience involving coffee, art, music and fine food. The campaign continues with "Sound Fusion", a special edition CD by noted singer-songwriter Cynthia Alexander. The CD will be played exclusively at Hub stores. It will also be given free to those who purchase a Sony Ericsson prepaid phone kit or together with a G-Plan until Oct. 19. You can also download "Sound Fusion" ringtones and polytones by texting CA to 2949 or visiting the myGlobe WAP site.

CORY CITES GMA KAPUSO FOUNDATION

Former President Corazon Aquino is welcomed by GMA Kapuso Foundation executive vice president/COO Mel Tiangco on her arrival at the GMA Network Center in Quezon City. Aquino visited GMA Network recently to personally invite GMA Kapuso Foundation to join in the People Power People Movement. GMA Kapuso Foundation was chosen by Aquino herself to be part of the 20 model organizations of the movement whose goal is for the betterment of the lives of the Filipinos.



PRE-MIX FIRM JOINS WOFEX

Socialite Tessa Prieto-Valdez (fourth from right) cuts the giant-size cake to formally open the exhibit booth of Mix Plant Inc. at the World's Food Expo 2003 held at the World Trade Center in Pasay City. With her is MPI sales manager Ester Palabay (fourth from left) and other company staff.

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Sunday BIZ

Four-table carinderia grows into fastfood chain

GRACELAND holds its own against Mc Donald's and Jollibee.

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Southern Luzon Bureau

NAGA CITY—Graceland Food Industries (GFI), a homegrown fastfood chain here, may not stand equal to fastfood giants like McDonald's or Jollibee but its growth from a four-table carinderia in 1976 to a major chain in the Bicol Region is a feat few entrepreneurs have attained in business.

GFI has a niche in the fastfood chain industry in the three of the six provinces in the region. It claims "loyalists" from a captured market that enable the family corporation to squarely compete with giants like Jollibee, McDonald's and Shakey's.

Of the five big players in the fastfood chain industry, another homegrown fastfood chain, the Biggs, claims share of local fastfood market. Biggs now offers franchising and has expanded to Southern Tagalog and Metro Manila.

A hundred more restaurants and eateries are all over the small business area of the city and add more pressure to market competition.

Expansion

But GFI has survived and moved on to other parts of the region. It innovated on the food and services offered amid stiff competition. From Naga City, GFI established its 140-seat capacity Graceland outlet in Legazpi City. It has also performed well for three years in Sorsogon City where Jollibee had already been around.

GFI has made innovative moves. It went into a venture of cakes and pastries via the Baker's Plaza as vehicle. Creating another specialty food outlet, GFI established Benjo's that serves pizzas and pastas. So far, two outlets in the cities of Legazpi and Tabaco are in operation.

Innovation and flexibility are the core marketing strategy of GFI. With the decision-making all in the family, the GFI can easily dispose of company decisions to adopt new marketing strategies and business moves.

Humble beginnings

GFI's humble beginnings have been emulated here and continue to give inspiration to struggling entrepreneurs. It started when Felipe Dy Eng Chong, the patriarch of the family enterprise, borrowed P10,000 and built a makeshift carinderia that catered to blue-collar workers and students. Felipe, his wife Felicidad and three older sons and daughters helped make the carinderia business survive even as that was the only source of livelihood of Dy's brood of nine. The perseverance of the Dy's, coupled with their concerted efforts and contributions, made them overcome difficulties that included two incidents of fire that razed to the ground their establishment in Naga City. But they recovered fast.

The mini-restaurant's affordable prices made them popular and soon they expanded into several more tables. But Felipe sensed that food service business, to be ahead of the race in Naga City, must follow the trends of Metro Manila.

With the aim of learning the trends he and his family would visit Manila to try various restaurants and fastfood outlets. They would figure out the ingredients of the food they were sampling.

The Dys in some cases would take pictures of the arrangements of the plates and food on the table and would try them in their restaurant. Other ways of documenting important discoveries in food trends and tastes in Metro Manila restaurants included sketches or short notes.

Experimentation

Grace Dy, 32, vice president for operation and marketing, says they now follow standard menu and ingredients developed through years of experimentation. She says they continue experimenting with their products until they capture the taste and the package their patrons want, which they then include in the line of specialties.

Dy adds they also innovated on the service technology from the acquired know-how and skills of personnel hired from more experienced fastfood chain companies. After 27 years of relying on family hands, GFI is now organized into departments with 500 regular and contractual employees.

The GFI has made a distinct name among food lovers in Camarines Sur, Albay and Sorsogon. It prides itself in having more options than the usual fare of fried chicken, pasta and burgers available in most American-oriented fastfood chains.

Aside from its own formula of fried chicken, cakes and pastries, Bicol dishes are served in GFI's eight outlets.

In Naga City, the GFI has maintained a small cozy diner named Geewan in a place where the original four-table carinderia was located.

It serves *turo-turo*, Bicol's specialty from fiery Bicol Express, *laing* (taro leaves cooked in pure coconut milk) to the more exotic *kinunot* (lemon-laced shredded meat of shark or stingray with *malungay* leaves, red and green peppers cooked in pure coconut milk).

Across the right street from where the Geewan stands, the GFI strategically occupied the corner street and established Baker's Plaza, a bakeshop cum snack bar.

Trade secret

Dy reveals her older brother developed their secrets in the baked goods.

He enrolled at the American Institute of Baking and used his training to develop his own style and taste of cakes and pastries. At 17, Dy was already assigned to do the premixes of cakes and pastries that are not shared outside the family.

She says she had to wake up at four o'clock in the morning to do these premixes and by the time she finished her task she was ready to go to school. To maintain the quality and secrecy of the trade secrets, the main ingredients of their products are coded without the workers exactly knowing all the ingredients in the formula. But Dy says they are glad that they have a few longtime workers who can be trusted to handle their trade secrets.

Bicol market

For the medium-term, GFI trains its eyes on the Bicol market. Seriously venturing outside of the region depends on the number of outlets in Bicol, which must be enough to subsidize expansion.

Dy says the GFI follows a market path in the region and envisions outlets in major towns and cities.

"We don't underestimate the demand of the local market for our products and services," she says. She adds they have to be upbeat with the state-of-the-art cooking machines, maintenance of a wholesome crew and employment of efficient service technologies to be in the pack of the race.

The GFI VP explains that Graceland did not come from Elvis Presley's town but from her name.

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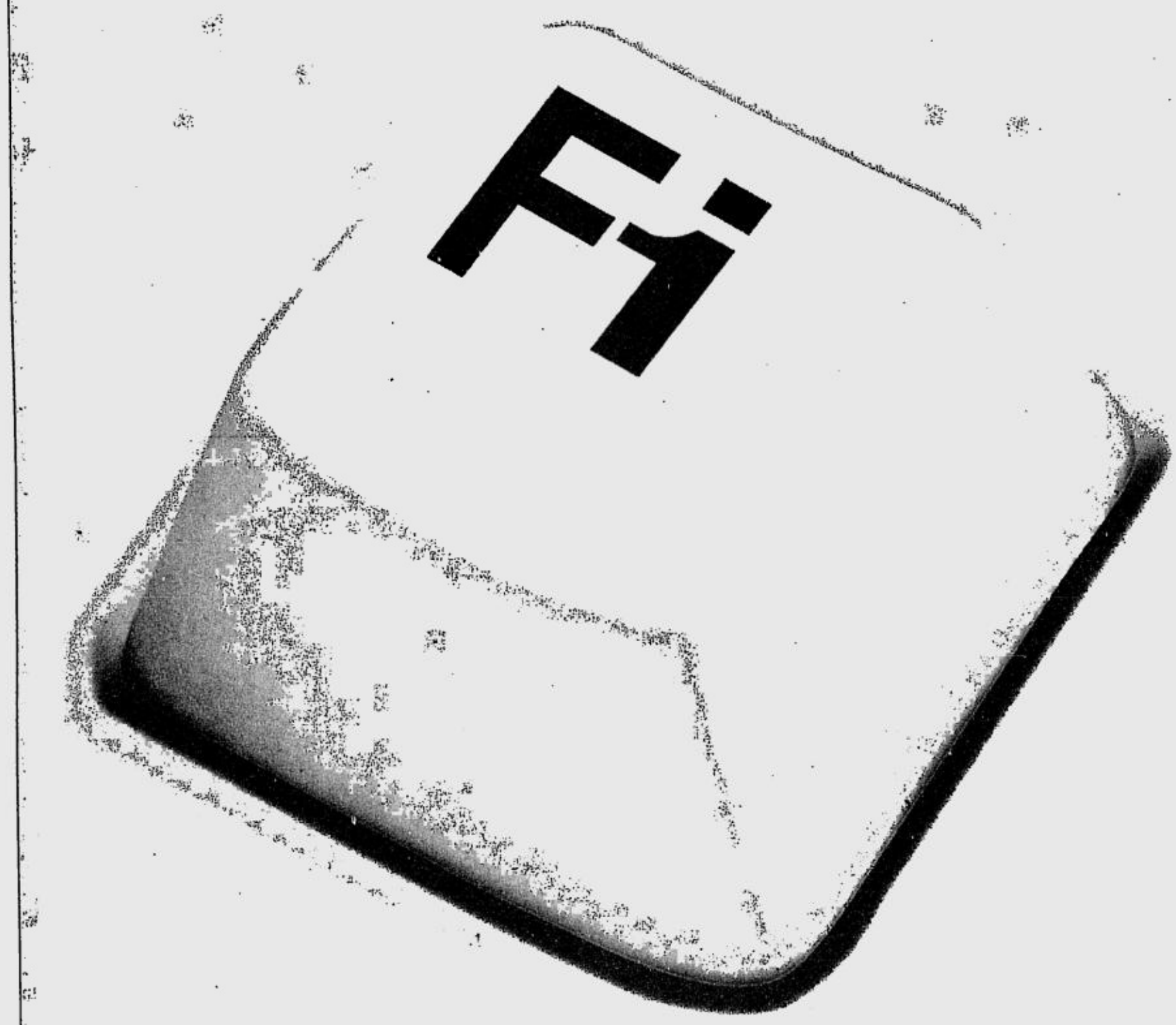

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Mandy in, Mariah out

Moore show at Fort; Carey to do movie

By Marinel R. Cruz

AMERICAN pop singer and actress Mandy Moore is performing for one night in Manila in November, even as another American star, Mariah Carey, has called off her six-city Asian tour that would have included Manila.

Moore, the 19-year-old singer of hits like "Cry," "Only Hope" and "I Wanna Be With

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MOORE coming for MTV Philippines

CAREY not coming

Jay Manalo, award-winning actor who will next be seen on "Gagamboy" and "Mano Po 2," says he drinks strong beer to put him to sleep. He also claims he learned to smoke and drink only after he joined the movies. Jay, whose brooding good looks and macho angst could boost the sale of beer, dry, pale, or strong, is waiting to be found by advertising agency talent casters, who so far seem to think only of **Aga Muhlach**.

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Mandy in, Mariah out

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You," will arrive in Manila on Nov. 11 to perform in a show to be produced by MTV Philippines.

Moore's record label, Sony Music, will be bringing her to Manila as part of her Asian tour to promote her latest album, "Coverage," according to Rod Nepomuceno, MTV marketing and communications director.

'Music Summit'

The MTV show in which Moore will perform is "Music Summit," to be held at The Fort open field at the Global City in Taguig on Nov. 14, said Nepomuceno.

"Music Summit" will also feature local artists and will be for the benefit of MTV's AIDS and HIV awareness campaign.

Moore broke into the music scene in 1999 with her debut album, "So Real," which spawned the mild hit "Candy." It was not until 2000, when she released the single "I Wanna Be With You," that she became really popular in the international music scene.

In the movies, she first appeared as the blonde bully in Disney's "Princess Diaries." In 2001, she starred in "A Walk to Remember" as a preacher's daughter who is the butt of cruel jokes at her high school. Her latest movie, "How to Deal," opened in Manila last week.

No ready venues

Carey will no longer go on a six-city Asian tour this year because two of the countries have no available venue for her show, according to a source involved in producing Carey's show in the Philippines.

The two countries are believed to be Malaysia and Thailand, said a marketing consultant who brings foreign productions to the Philippines.

Carey's American handlers requested the two countries to provide a venue for the show, dubbed "Charmbracelet World Tour," either on the first week of November or the first week of December, the production source said.

The singer's handlers were able to close deals with concert producers in Manila, Bangkok, Shanghai and Beijing. But Carey herself wanted to perform in six cities so the money she would earn would compensate for the jobs she would miss while she was outside the United States, said the marketing source.

Carey's talent fee is said to range from $375,000 to $450,000 (about P21 million to P25 million) per city, the marketing source added. Tommy Hillfigger Watches and MTV Philippines, which were to produce Carey's one-night show at The Fort open field on Nov. 29, reportedly agreed to pay $400,000.

Reservations made

"The Philippines suffered because of these two countries," said the production source. "Reservations had already been made for her show here."

Carey reportedly turned down an offer to do another movie so she could go on the Asian tour. Now, she is said to be thinking of doing the movie after all.

Carey's American handlers are said to be trying to negotiate for her Asian tour to be reset next year.

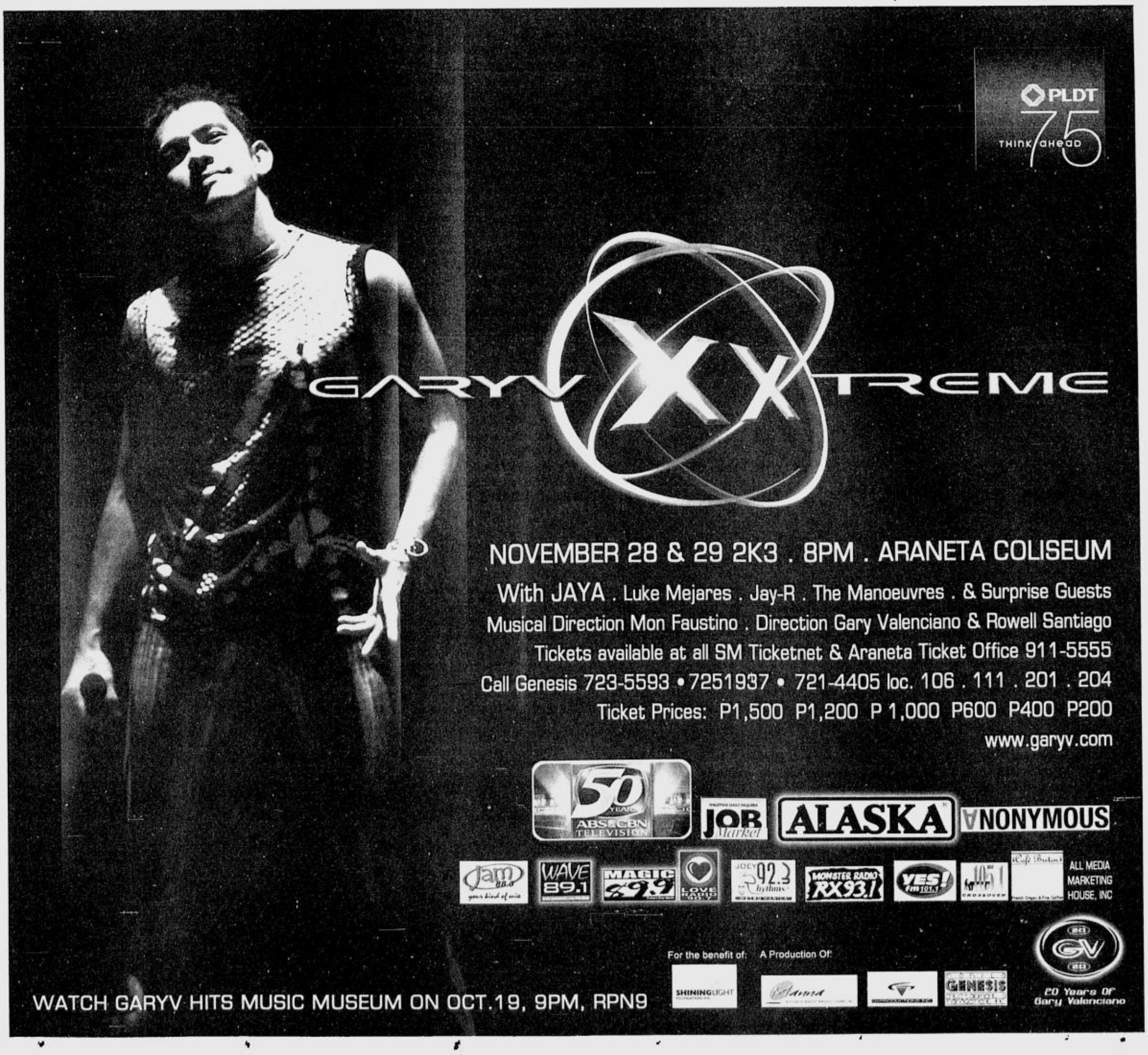
After recording hits for Sony Music in the 1990s, Carey signed with EMI a five-album deal worth about $200 million in April 2001.

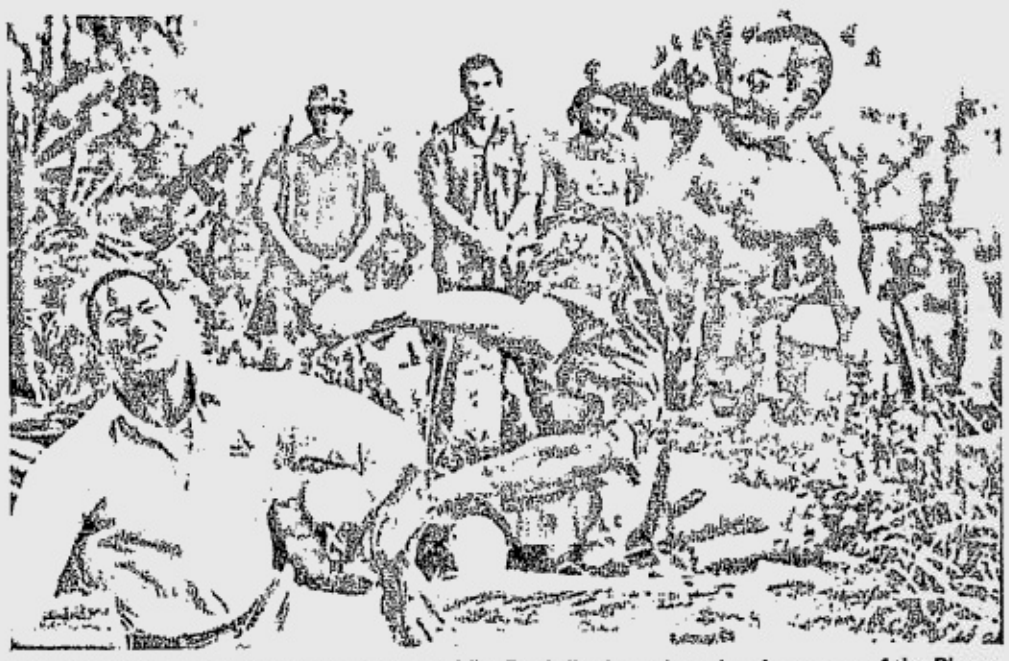
Last year, Carey released the album titled "Glitter" and appeared in a movie of the same title.

Both were flops.

Also last year, Carey suffered a nervous breakdown, which US media called a "meltdown."

Her latest album, "Charmbracelet" was released last July.





WELL-CRAFTED. Dwayne Johnson, a.k.a. The Rock (left), reels under the power of the Pinoy whirling dervish, Ernie Reyes Jr.

The Rock a hero with a soft spot

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.
Contributor

REVIEW

THERE was a time during my pre-teen years when I really fell for pro-wrestling, when I thought it more to be a fantastic sport than an entertaining show, when I was dazzled by the musculature of Tony Atlas, the athleticism of Mil Mascaras and the sheer physicality of my favorite giant, Andre, who by the way played Fezzik in "The Princess Bride."

I bought into the theatrics mainly because I was young and didn't know any better.

By the time the wrestler known as The Rock came along, however, my days as a wrestling fan were long over. So his movie debut in "The Mummy Returns" was of no particular significance to me. I thought he did nothing in the movie but smirk and raise his eyebrows. Just another wrestler who thinks he could be a movie star.

His performance in his first lead role in "The Scorpion King" was only slightly better, for he finally had dialogue, but he was still painfully stiff and awkward. I thought that for a guy who's so used to acting in the World Wrestling Federation (WWF), he should have done a lot better on camera.

Needless to say, I didn't keep my hopes up for "The Rundown," which pairs The Rock with Seann William Scott, the Stiffler of "American Pie." I expected something conventional and predictable, another action-adventure-buddy-comedy rehash whose leads are more personalities than actors. It would probably be one of those movies for audiences who don't want surprises. Why wring hands about it? It's the time-honored, Hollywood way of following the breadcrumbs back to the box office.

Well, what can I say? I was so wrong.

Star billing

Lesson number one for hopeful movie reviewers: Never assume anything about a movie when you have yet to see it.

As it turns out, "The Rundown" is a breathlessly enjoyable movie that would make people like me finally shut up about The Rock. Indeed, starting now, I'd stop calling him by his wrestling moniker. Dwayne Douglas Johnson is his real name and he deserves his rightful billing as a movie star.

"The Rundown" truly makes him one. It gives him a role he was born to play, one that would have audiences eating up every second of his screen time.

Johnson plays Beck, a so-called retrieval expert working for a local mobster boss. When the boss wants something back, Beck gets it for him. The movie's writers, R.J. Stewart (creator of TV's "Xena: Warrior Princess") and James Vanderbilt ("Darkness Falls"), try to do something different and thoughtful with Beck's character that instantly makes him likeable.

Despite his imposing physique and brute fighting skills, Beck has an aversion to violence. He doesn't use guns ("Guns take me to a place I don't want to go.") and always gives his quarry the option of settling his issues amicably and without a fuss, allowing him the dignity of walking away with pride and flesh intact.

Best of all, Beck is a closet gourmet who wants nothing more than to leave his shady life in favor of opening a small restaurant ("nothing fancy, just a few tables").

No wires needed

"The Rundown" has a great first scene that introduces Beck. He goes into this glitzy nightclub to collect a bad debt from an NFL quarterback (running into "Governor Arnie" of California along the way), only to find out that the guy is hanging out with his team's entire defensive line. Beck is immediately awed and rattles off the accomplishments of each player (stylishly done ala-ESPN) to his informant, gushing like a life-long football fan, which he probably is.

Beck clumsily explains to the quarterback his situation, careful not to insult him. Even when he gets wine splashed on his face, he calmly walks away. "I don't want to hurt these guys," he tells his boss over the cell phone. "They've actually got a chance of repeating."

But when his boss gives him no other option, he goes back and demolishes the whole team in a manner that would make WWF's Vince McMahon proud. No fancy kung fu fighting, no wires, and none are actually needed. Johnson is a big guy who's got the athleticism to make the spectacular fight scene believable.

Thrills and laughs

That first scene provides a superb example of what the rest of the movie would be like—slick, highly kinetic, with terrific old-school stunts (done by humans and not by computers) and fight sequences. Indeed, "The Rundown" panders with such determination to the basic instincts of action aficionados that it would be hard to thumb it down. To do so would be dishonest because it is such a skillful and well-crafted movie.

Most audiences evaluate movies mainly as sensory experiences. In a nutshell, they want to be thrilled. Period. The makers of "The Rundown" seem to know this principle all too well. Not only are its action sequences thrilling, but the movie also has a lot of laughs. One can almost sense that the whole cast had heaps of fun making it, as much as we did watching it.

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"The Rundown" takes a lot of its strengths from the screenplay, which shows a real ingenuity in the ways it gets its heroes into trouble, and from its steamy locations in the Amazon (actually the jungles of Hawaii doubling for the jungles of Brazil).

Scene stealers

Beck tells his boss that he wants out and gets one last assignment. The deal is, if he can bring back his boss' prodigal son, Travis (Scott), from his crazy treasure-hunting expedition in the Amazon, then he's free, plus, as a bonus, he gets to have his wish of opening a restaurant.

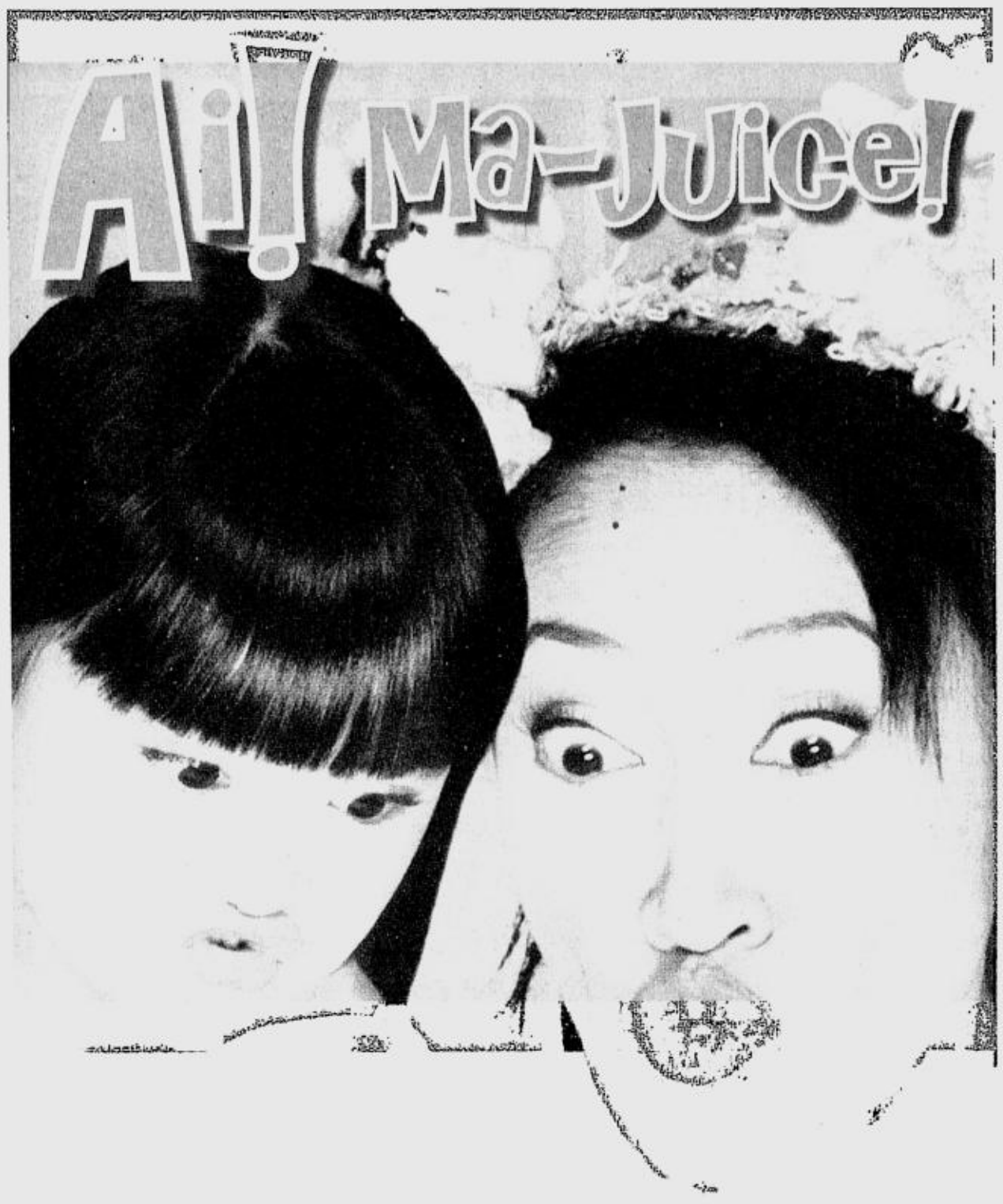
The task is easier delegated than done, of course, as Travis wants nothing to do with his father. What's more, he has actually found a gold artifact that is being coveted by almost everyone, from the rebels in the jungle to the tyrant/slave driver lording over the mining town where Travis is staying. The tyrant is played by Christopher Walken, who steals every scene he's in.

Beck and Travis spend most of their time surrounded by an impenetrable jungle, a green wall of majestic vistas populated by all sorts of troubles, natural and otherwise, with the best one being five-foot-nothing Filipino Ernie Reyes Jr. and his band of merry small men leaping, flying, rapid-punching and kicking the crap out of Johnson who dwarfs them by at least a foot.

Reyes is simply unbelievable in his short role. I couldn't help but think how wonderful it would be to have him as Johnson's partner in his next movie. Whoever cast him in "The Rundown" must have had a sixth sense for the chemistry Reyes and Johnson would have in their two scenes together.

Rosario Dawson ("Men in Black II," "Josie and the Pussycats") plays "the Girl" in the film. Thankfully her job goes way beyond being pulled helplessly behind the hero.

There's nothing else to say but go see the movie.



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"MAGIC," the latest television ad of Enchanted Kingdom, will be aired for the first time today.

The television commercial, conceptualized by Ace Saatchi and Saatchi Philippines and directed by commercial and film director Thierry Notz, is a celebration of family togetherness. The commercial's theme song, "The Magic of Love," is performed by 17:28, a group that recently released its new single, "Come Breathe Me," and Michelle Peregrina, daughter of the late legendary singer Eddie Peregrina and a member of Enchanted Kingdom's in-house band, Mpower.

"The Magic of Love," which will be released soon as a single, was composed by Arnold Buena.

The TV ad for the country's premier theme park was created as a result of a recent study on theme parks conducted by AC Nielsen.

According to the study, Enchanted Kingdom is a favorite destination during family occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and other get-togethers.

Enchanted Kingdom recently opened new attractions, like the Kart Trak go-kart track, 4D Discovery sensory theater and Xtreme Paintball.

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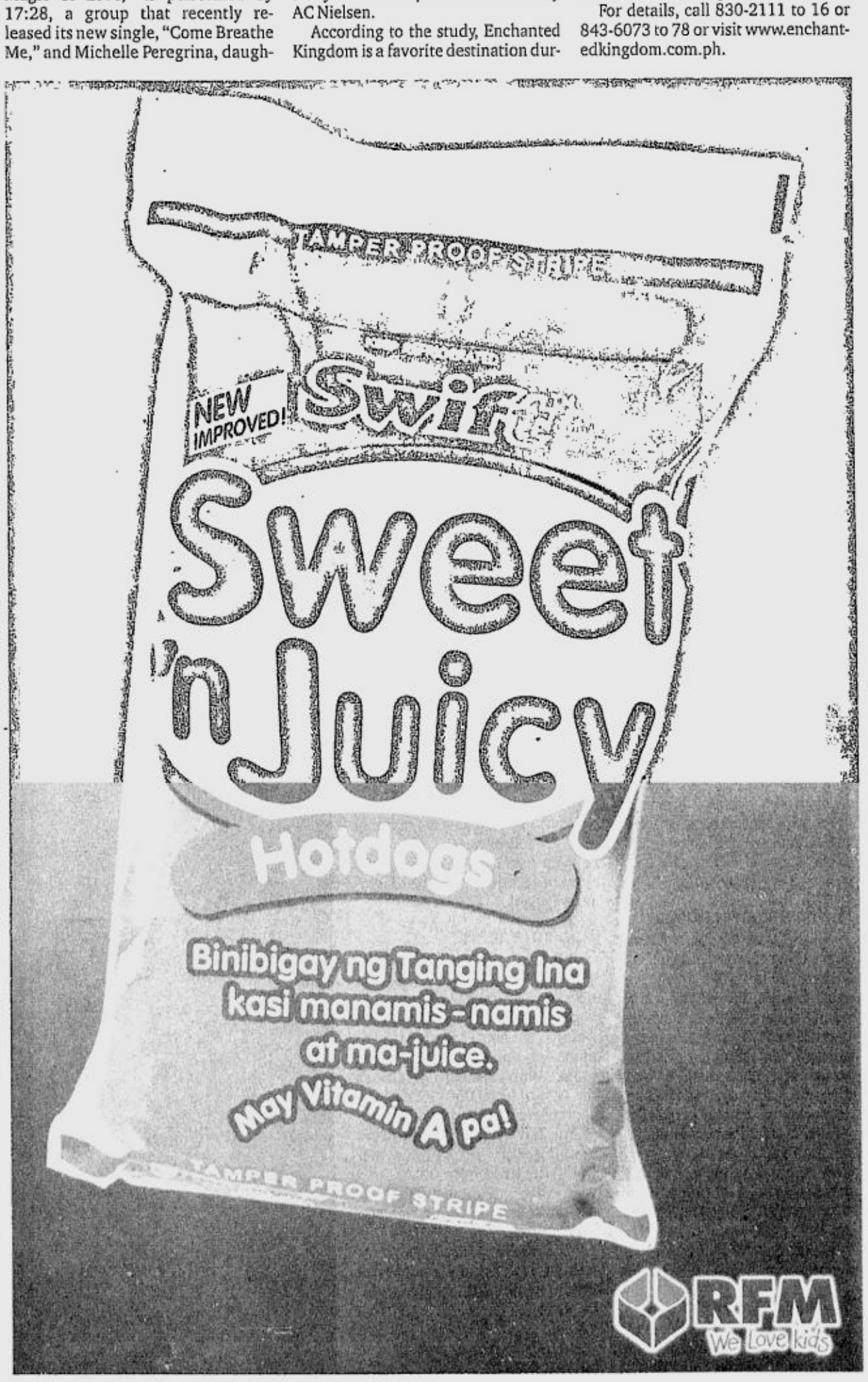

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A fine TV moment

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

CHERRIE Pie Picache can do no wrong. **Ian de Leon** is a natural-born actor. And **Gladys Reyes** must be the best-kept secret in filmdom.

Those have to be my conclusions after seeing "Walang Bakas," a documentary-drama on the disappeared—*los desaparecidos*—aired over GMA-7, presciently following the month of the declaration of martial law and leading up to the day of the souls and saints.

Ian, whom we do not see as often as is needed to establish himself as an important actor, *is* an important actor, make no mistake. Here he just flies with the role of **Edgardo Bentain**, the Casino Filipino employee who, after smuggling out video footage showing then Vice President **Joseph Estrada** gambling big and hard, was abducted in 1999, never to be seen again.

With Gladys, the sharp mien that's confined her to *kontrabida* roles is still there, but here she's tempered that with vulnerability, frustration, helplessness, stirring us with her portrayal of the daughter of **Romeo Legaspi**, the Olongapo newspaperman who went up against city lords, was abducted in 1993, never to be seen again.

And Cherrie Pie? Everything she does is perfect. From the time she asks her husband—in this case, union leader **Armando Portajada**—about his death threat, to the time she explains to a daughter why she has allowed another man into their lives, and to everything else in between, she is simply seamless.

The three—appearing with an ensemble that includes **Aleck Bovick** and **Criselda Volks**, both of them startling in their brief exposure time, and Julio Diaz who is beautiful to watch—give the acting community reason to feel gifted.

Imagination, inventiveness

But as satisfying as the acting is, this docu-drama is far more than that.

It is unflinching reality told with the inventiveness of fiction.

Politics styled by movies and MTV.

Doddering, grim message packaged with pop irreverence.

Serious cause advanced by rich imagination.

Or, in more prosaic terms: Heavy stuff, but doesn't bore.

Thankfully, executive producer **Nanette Matilac**, director **Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil**, and scriptwriter **Armando Lao** work the material to that end.

They keep talking heads to a minimum.

Keep dialogue from explaining too much.

And, for really superior work, keep locations approximating the feel of the real.

In fact, faced with heavyweight material, they turn to pop for background music: "Humanap Ka ng Pangit," "Spageti Song," and **Yoyoy Villame's** "My Country, Philippines," among others. And it works.

Saddled with their interviewees' unforgiving, if justified, harangue of the powerful, they sidestep the emotional overload—with intercuts from reel to real, with documented dialogue set against dramatized scene, with split screens, dissolves, freezes. And again, it works.

The show is riveting, even at 10 of a slow Sunday night.

The near-perfect crime

Yet the creators do not shirk from calling murder, murder.

There is no way anyone can watch "Walang Bakas" without becoming agitated—about unbridled power, about violence inflicted on ordinary men, about a judicial system where the bias is for "no body, no crime," turning forced disappearances into the near-perfect one.

Indeed, the numbers indict.

From FIND alone, documented cases of the missing count: 850 under Marcos, 611 under Cory, 87 under FVR, 58 under Estrada, and 39 under GMA.

No one, says "Walang Bakas," has ever been punished for these crimes.

Message overload

However, it must be said, in the very imagination and inventiveness of the creative team lie this docu-drama's imperfections.

Quite frankly, the freneticism can get overmuch.

The breathless edits, computer special effects, and deep video research, for instance, are just fine as part of the whole. But *not* when the whole is itself too hyperactive, almost frantic, and beginning to look like it has *horror vacui*.

In particular, the MTV portions—which provide the national situationers and historical contexts—tend to become an unwieldy mass of competing images.

And with at least 12 MTVs all over the place, they can really get exhausting.

For instance, in one MTV alone, shots of Mayor Sanchez, Webb, Robin, Kuratong, Ping, and Erap flash in quick succession, before more shots of more *desaparecidos*. That's a messy mix of people (convicted, accused, perpetrator, victim) covering a messy mix of crimes (rape, murder, gun possession, rubout, plunder).

What's the point?

At a certain moment, I figure that the intent is to get the MTV to capture highlights of the period surrounding a disappearance.

Question is: Why one highlight and not another? If the point is to capture the period, why not internal refugees, lahar, exemplary teachers?

The point being, highlights can go any which way.

There must be rhyme and reason.

And to get there, it's left to the creative team to discipline its excitement over the array of footage before it.

And, beyond that, to usher its chosen images so that they speak one clear message.

To try and speak about everything—the legacy of martial law, presidential track records, cultural icons—is just too much.

For the viewer, most of all.

Simple is better

As it is, the structure is a mite too complex.

We're asked to remember that the very first scenes, of a Davao City bombing this year, have direct bearing on the very last scenes, where more of the bombing is shown.

If this were a film, we might remember.

But this is a TV program, with 72 minutes running time, where we're distracted by an additional 19 minutes of commercials and plugs. In effect, we're being made to remember something flashed briefly 92 interrupted minutes ago.

The same thing holds for the very last abduction scene, of **Datu Abdullah Ala**, which we're asked to connect to that first Davao bombing.

But already, there are four cases of disappearances we're being made to follow here.

With narration that's not only nonlinear, but sometimes downright jagged.

Applause at last

But such is the power of "Walang Bakas" that none of this takes away from its importance.

On the contrary, given today's ratings war, the investment—completed over one month, with a staff of about 30, at the cost of P800,000—is nothing short of reckless and brave.

And given today's television aesthetic, this "docu-drama special"—the third from GMA-7 this year, with the first two about Afghanistan and Iraq—is *noblesse oblige*.

Finally, given today's search for something to applaud about local TV, this work is a fine one to stumble into.

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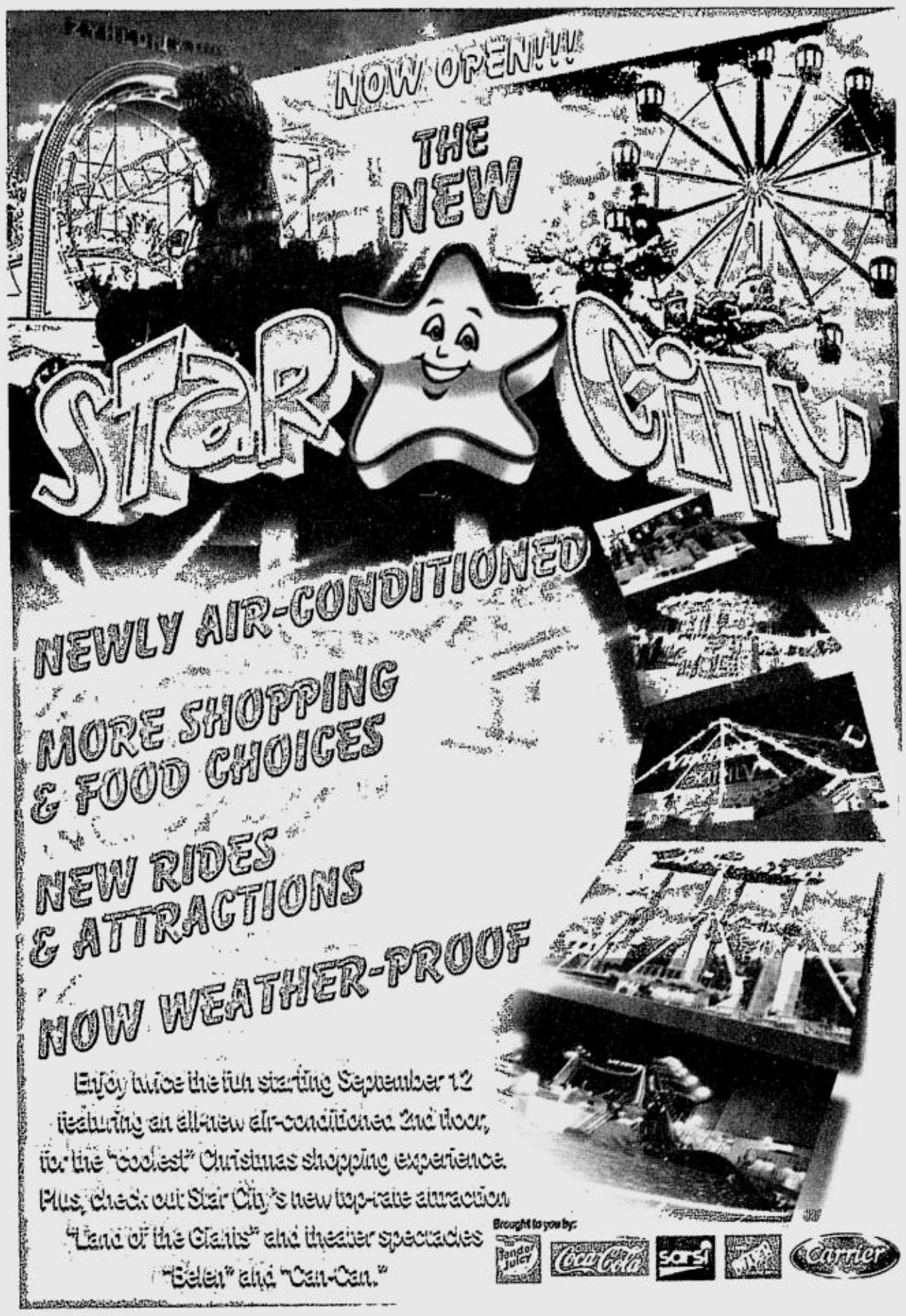


Stephen Bishop to bring music to Aliw

BISHOP "On and On"

SONGWRITER, composer and singer Stephen Bishop performs on Nov. 22 at the Aliw Theater at the Star City of the CCP Complex in Pasay City.

Known for his moving and catchy compositions, Bishop will treat local fans to a performance featuring his biggest hits, such as "It Might be You," "On and On," "One More Night," "Save It for a Rainy Day," "Never Letting Go," "Send a Little Love My Way," "Separate Lives" and "Walking On Air."

Had Bishop not seen the Beatles one night on "The Ed Sullivan Show," he would still be playing the clarinet and would probably be a history teacher or an insurance company executive. He was so moved by the legendary group's performance that he convinced his brother to buy him an electric guitar. He also formed a band called The Weeds.

When The Weeds won second place at a battle of the bands in the mid-'60s, one of the judges predicted, "Stephen Bishop is going to be a big songwriter someday."

In 1969, Bishop moved to L.A. Armed with only a $12 acoustic guitar, he brought his music to various publishers in Hollywood, until E.H. Morris Publishing signed him up—for $50 a week.

SHOW TIME

Only one of his songs would be recorded. As the years went by, Bishop considered leaving L.A. and trading his music dreams for a much more secure job in his dad's insurance company back home. But Art Garfunkel heard some of his new songs and recorded two of them on his own album, "Breakaway."

Soon, Bishop was being booked for high-profile gigs where he played his original compositions for artists like Barbra Streisand, Bette Midler and Diana Ross.

Seven years after leaving San Diego "Bish," as he is known in the international music industry, would get the big break he was dreaming of—his first solo album, "Careless," which contained his first two smash hits, "Save It for a Rainy Day" and "On and On."

Today, three decades later, both songs are still sung and played while a Kenny Rankin remake of "On and On" is giving the '70s hit renewed popularity. "Careless" was followed by "Bish," and destiny was fulfilled when both albums became gold.

Bish is remembered for singing "It Might Be You," the theme of the Dustin Hoffman-Jessica Lange hit movie, "Tootsie." He also sang "Separate Lives" for the movie "White Nights." All told, he wrote and sang songs for about 15 movies.

His compositions have been recorded by artists such as Phil Collins, Eric Clapton, Barbra Streisand, Art Garfunkel, Steve Perry, Stephanie Mills, Kenny Loggins, Johnny Mathis, Phoebe Snow, David Crosby, The Four Tops, Aswad and Lucciano Pavarotti.

In his Manila show, Bishop, nominated twice in the Grammys and once in the Oscars, will be joined by the South Border and Lani Misalucha.

For tickets, contact Star City at 832-6121 and 22, TicketWorld at 891-5610, or TicketNet at 911-5555.

'Gary V Hits Music Museum' on RPN 9

THOSE who missed Gary Valenciano's much-talked about performance during his recent 10-night series at the Music Museum can catch him tonight as RPN 9 Sunday's Big Event airs the special "Gary V Hits Music Museum" at 9 p.m.

Gary V's special guests are Kyla, the Ugoy-ugoy Band, Powerplay, May-An Casal-Soriano and Melissa Fontano. His second son, 15-year-old Gabriel, also performs with Gary to an N'sync tune.

One of the touching moments in the show is when Gary sings "Historia de Un Amor" with video clips of his beautiful Puerto Rican mom, Grimilda Ortiz, taken by his dad Vic Valenciano.

Produced by GV Productions Inc. and Manila Genesis Entertainment for Manna Entertainment in cooperation with RPN 9, the concert brings back hit music from the '70s and '80s as well as contemporary favorites. Gary sings his current hits arranged by himself and by multi-awarded musical director Mon Faustino—songs from his movies and albums, songs to inspire and to make people sing, dance, laugh and cry with him.

"Gary V Hits Music Museum" is part of Mr. Pure Energy's year-long celebration of his 20th year in show biz.

Gary is in the final stages of various projects, which include a piano book of his recordings, provincial performances, a big concert called "Gary V Live! in Hong Kong" on Nov. 2 as well as a two-night show, "XTREME" at the Araneta Coliseum on Nov. 28 and 29.

Other updates on Gary V and his upcoming events may be found in his official website, http://www.garyv.com.

Mushroom-based medicine on 'Natural Healing'

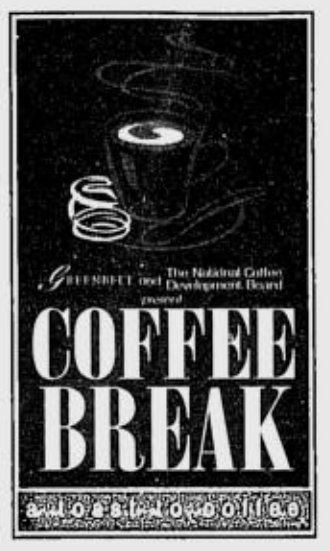
"THE POWER of Natural Healing," ABS-CBN News Channel's newest talk show, tackles immune system stimulation with medicine derived from mushrooms.

Host Dyan Castillejo-Garcia takes an in-depth look at the treatments employed by Dr. Edna Lao at 4:30 p.m. today on ANC 21.

Francisco Bautista, 65, was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer, was given three months to live, and underwent oral chemotherapy. Will Dr. Lao's methods save Bautista's life?

The episode also focuses on the recovery of a 50-year-old Quezon farmer suffering from kidney failure and pain upon urination.

"The Power of Natural Healing," directed by Cesar Celestino, is a co-production of ANC and ABS-CBN Foundation Inc.



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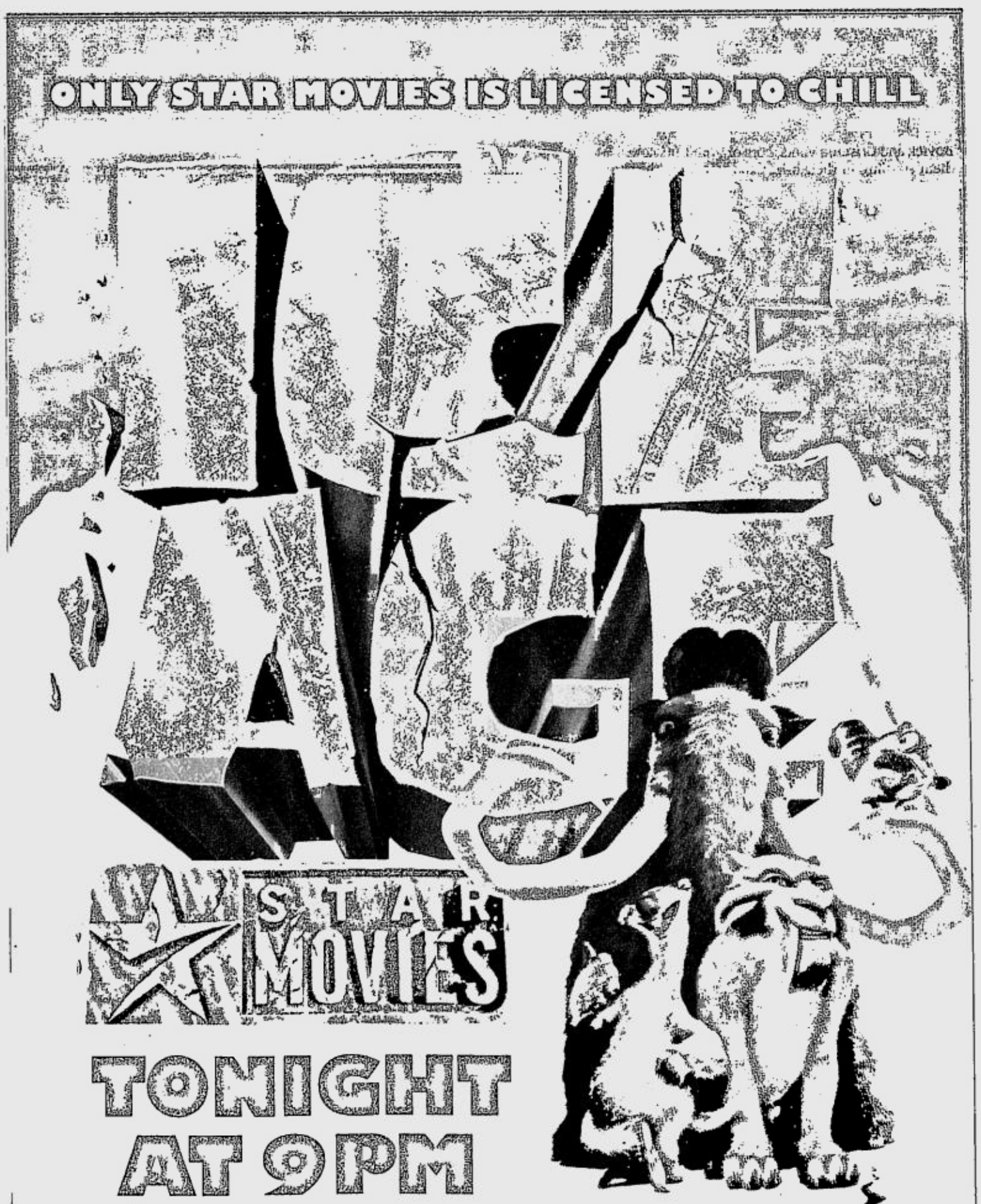

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Some members of a group who are being groomed to be tomorrow's stars are complaining that the group plays favorites. A young girl has blamed the group for lost opportunities. She said a friend had wanted to get her for a part in a stage play. Knowing she was free on the playdates, she told the friend to call the group. But the friend reported back to her that her handler had said she was fully booked and couldn't take the part. The handler pushed another girl for the part.

DID YOU KNOW...

Leila Benitez is back as if...

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in three schools in Washington DC, one of which resembled a strict Catholic convent.

She eventually came back home to the Philippines, and tried out for, and landed, a small hosting gig, which later evolved into the landmark TV program "Student Canteen." Young people, she recalls, were coming in droves, enthusiastic about this new show that showcased young talents.

"'Student Canteen' had a purpose," she says, "to get the kids off the streets during lunchtime" to keep them away from illegal drugs which were starting to go around during the era, and to offer them an alternative to idleness.

"Students would come in, bringing their instruments, sing songs or recite poems," Benitez recalls. The show had to move to a bigger studio to accommodate the growing audience: "That's how it started live. That's how it went from then on. It was very touching to see these kids who wanted to make something of themselves."

She remembers that she would later meet in places like Tokyo, San Francisco, and other parts of the world, the young talents that "Student Canteen" discovered. "All of a sudden," she says, "somebody would go to the microphone and say, 'We would like to dedicate this song to the lady who discovered us, the main reason why we are here.' That's a good feeling."

Interviews with stars

She was a veritable daily fixture on TV as she hosted other shows like "Darigold Jamboree," "Celebrity Hour" and "Leila Benitez Presents," which was like Johnny Carson's show. "I was the first one to do interviews on a live talk show. It was like a cocktail party." She invited guests from rival political parties, as well as society figures and other newsmakers.

"I produced some of the (episodes) myself," she says. "Nobody wrote my scripts. Everything was extemporaneous and ad-libbed. The show got such a high rating that the US Embassy would send all the traveling American stars and personalities. It was wonderful because we didn't have to pay for anything."

The American stars she interviewed on her show included the likes of Paul Anka, Neil Sedaka, Harry Belafonte, Ann-Margaret, and Johnny Mathis.

She held contests like the search for "the Johnny Mathis of the Philippines." The winner of this particular contest was picked by Mathis himself during a Manila visit. That winner was Bert Nievera, whose son Martin would become Benitez's godson.

Good taste

Benitez was working on a Philippine tourism project, a "cultural-fashion-food festival" touring 11 cities in Europe when martial law was declared back home. "That's how all my shows stopped," she says. "I had three going on at the same time. I was advised, 'Don't come home', because they didn't know what martial law was all about, which was understandable.

"I stayed, like, for four years and then I came back. I did a few more years of TV, and then I went back to the States. I started working for Voice of America, doing an English newscast for 11 English-speaking countries."

She last visited the Philippines five years ago, as a representative to the International Women's Congress. Every nation had a representative who talked about contributions to her country. Benitez was flattered and honored to speak about her wealth of experience in the Philippine media.

She cites the creativity and hard work that went into her past hosting duties. "It was a question of good taste and *delicadeza*," she says. "There are certain things you don't bring up openly. But the most beautiful part of all my TV shows was, it was open, it was candid, it was truthful." The articulate former TV host may as well be describing her bubbly self.

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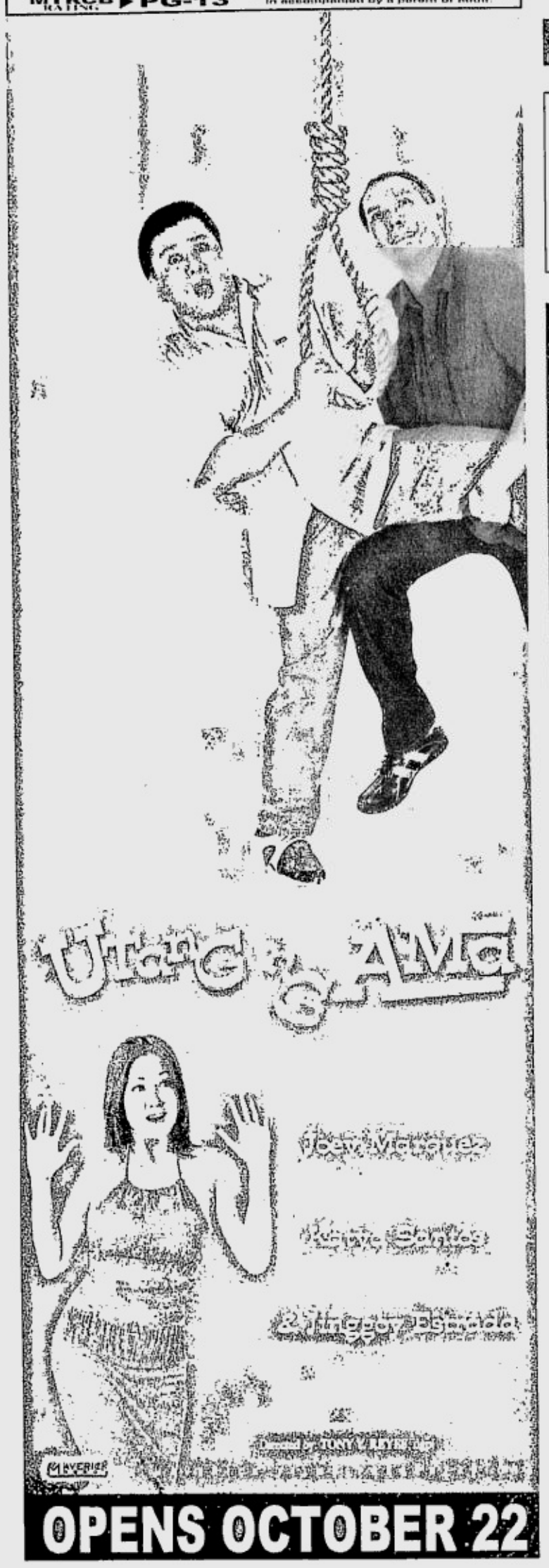

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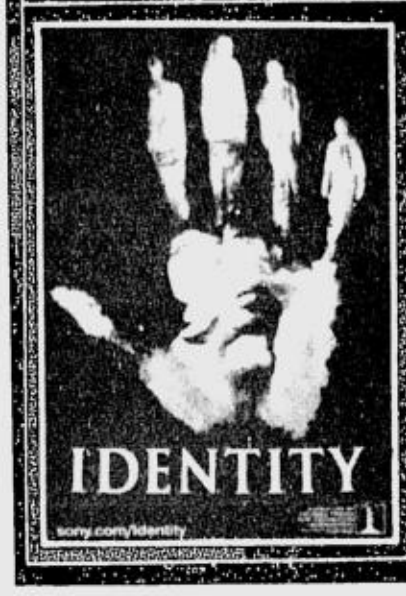

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Leila Benitez is back as if she never said goodbye

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best in those early years—host a TV show. It wasn't just a show: It was the star-studded, sentimental ABS-CBN 50th anniversary extravaganza, held last Friday night at the PICC and to be shown on TV tonight.

For the past 27 years, Benitez and her Scottish-Irish-American husband, Don McCollum, have been living in New York and Florida. "We have a winter home there," she says of the Sunshine State.

She brought her three sons to the US to learn "to fend for themselves," as she puts it. "They turned out well," she says, learning independence away from their privileged young lives in Manila.

Friends and languages

Her sentimental journey home was marred by an incident as soon as she and McCollum arrived in the country early last Monday morning. She raves about the pampered service they got on board their Philippine Airlines flight, but she adds that a few hours after their arrival, her handbag was snatched in Makati.

She says she lost many important items. "But you know what? Those are material things. I'm here, I'm safe."

After a heartbeat, she adds, "I hope they choke to death on it, though."

Early on in their Manila visit, Benitez appeared on Kris Aquino and Korina Sanchez's "Morning Girls" and Cito Beltran's "Straight Talk." Benitez notes that the late fathers of Aquino and Beltran (Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., and journalist Louie Beltran) were her dear friends. "He (Ninoy) was my favorite special guest in my talk shows."

She admits to some puzzlement over the widespread use of "Taglish" on many local TV shows, but concedes that they're "very popular, that way." She also appreciates the advantages of being multi-lingual: "There are a lot of Filipinos in the States. My housekeeper is a Filipina. I talk to her in Tagalog, especially *kapag chismis* time."

She says of her own father: "I was brought up by a father who was the first man to deliver a speech in English in the House of Representatives. I'm very proud of this. It's in the history books. So I was brought up by my father speaking English, and brought up by my mother speaking Spanish and Tagalog. I think every child should have a second or third language. It helps."

Off the streets

The Benitezes hailed from Pagsanjan, Laguna. As a young girl, Leila, one of six children, dreamt of becoming an accomplished lawyer like her father, or a writer or journalist. But her mom was "Spanish-strict," discouraging her from pursuing these interests, and wanted her to be a pianist instead. Leila went to study

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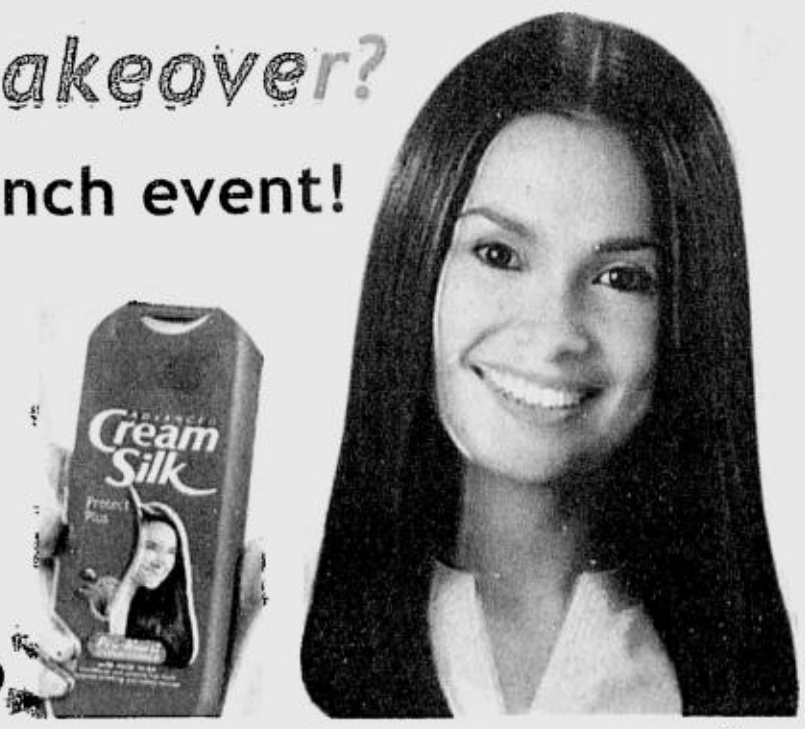

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Leila Benitez is back as if she never said goodbye

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

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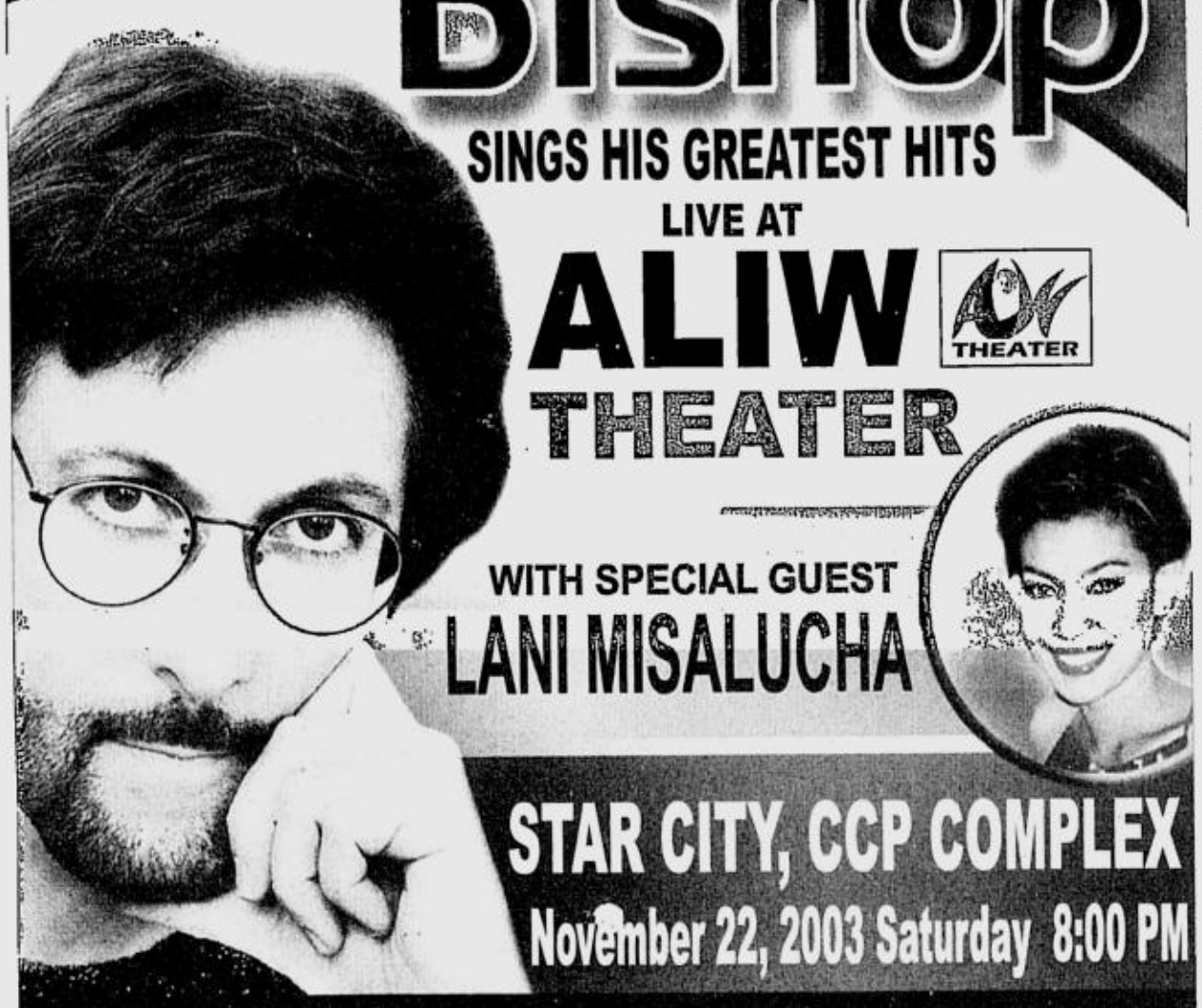

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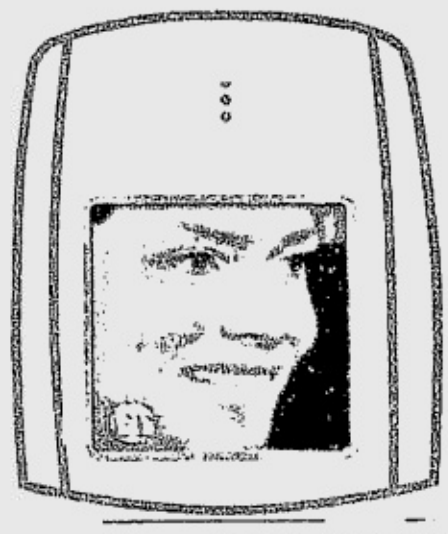

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Tribute to a maestro

Baby Dalupan, first in this basketball-crazy country to make coaching a profession and lifetime career, scores another victory

Text by Conrad Banal III
Photos by Romy Homillada

BABY Dalupan took tender steps. He strained in the darkened auditorium to hold his bearing before a short flight of stairs leading up to the stage. The greatest basketball coach in this country was about to do something unfamiliar to him. He must speak before the microphone to respond to the rich accolade heaped upon him by adoring fans.

To commemorate his 80th birthday today, an exhibit of basketball memorabilia—from the four decades he dedicated to the game—was launched at the University of the East on Recto Avenue in Manila last Oct. 15. The collection consisted of facts and figures, trophies and awards, newspaper clippings and photos, from a lifelong pursuit of excellence by a simple man.

But that was not all. The whole evening was going to be a tribute to the maestro of the hardcourt. A tribute until Dalupan, like the masterful coach who was used to being in control, declared, as he tried to hold back the tears, that he wanted the evening to be a "reunion" instead.

And it was. A reunion of the important characters who made basketball the premier sport in the country, from the leaders who used their power and wealth to achieve such, to the players from all the championship teams he handled in the four decades of his illustrious career. And with some 49 championships under his belt, a figure which is based on an incomplete listing, his players, had they all showed up, could have easily filled up the auditorium to SRO capacity.

Winningest

Characteristically, the winningest coach in Philippine basketball shunned songs of praise about his greatness. As far as Dalupan was concerned, he owed his players. It wasn't the other way around. He said he did not make his players great; instead, they've made him what he is today.

"To all my players, thank you," he said.

The list of cagers whom he had coached is a virtual Who's Who in Philippine basketball. Filomeno Pumaren, who as a coach also won championships in collegiate basketball, was a member of the first champion team of the UE Warriors under Dalupan. A number of his players also went into politics, such as Philip Cezar, who is the vice mayor of San Juan, Atoy Co, who is a councilor of Pasig City, and Tito Varela, who is the vice mayor of Caloocan City.

The record shows Dalupan garnered 15 championships in the PBA, including nine for the fabled Crispa Redmanizers, five for the Great Taste Coffeemakers, and one for Purefoods. Actually, the last two teams tasted their first championship only after they hired Dalupan as coach.

In the UAAP, Dalupan amassed 12 championships for the UE Warriors, and in the NCAA, he garnered for his alma mater, the Ateneo de Manila University, two championships. Perhaps not many people know that when Dalupan coached the Ateneo Blue Eagles in the 1970s, he refused to receive any salary. To him, it was an honor as an alumnus of the university to serve as its coach.

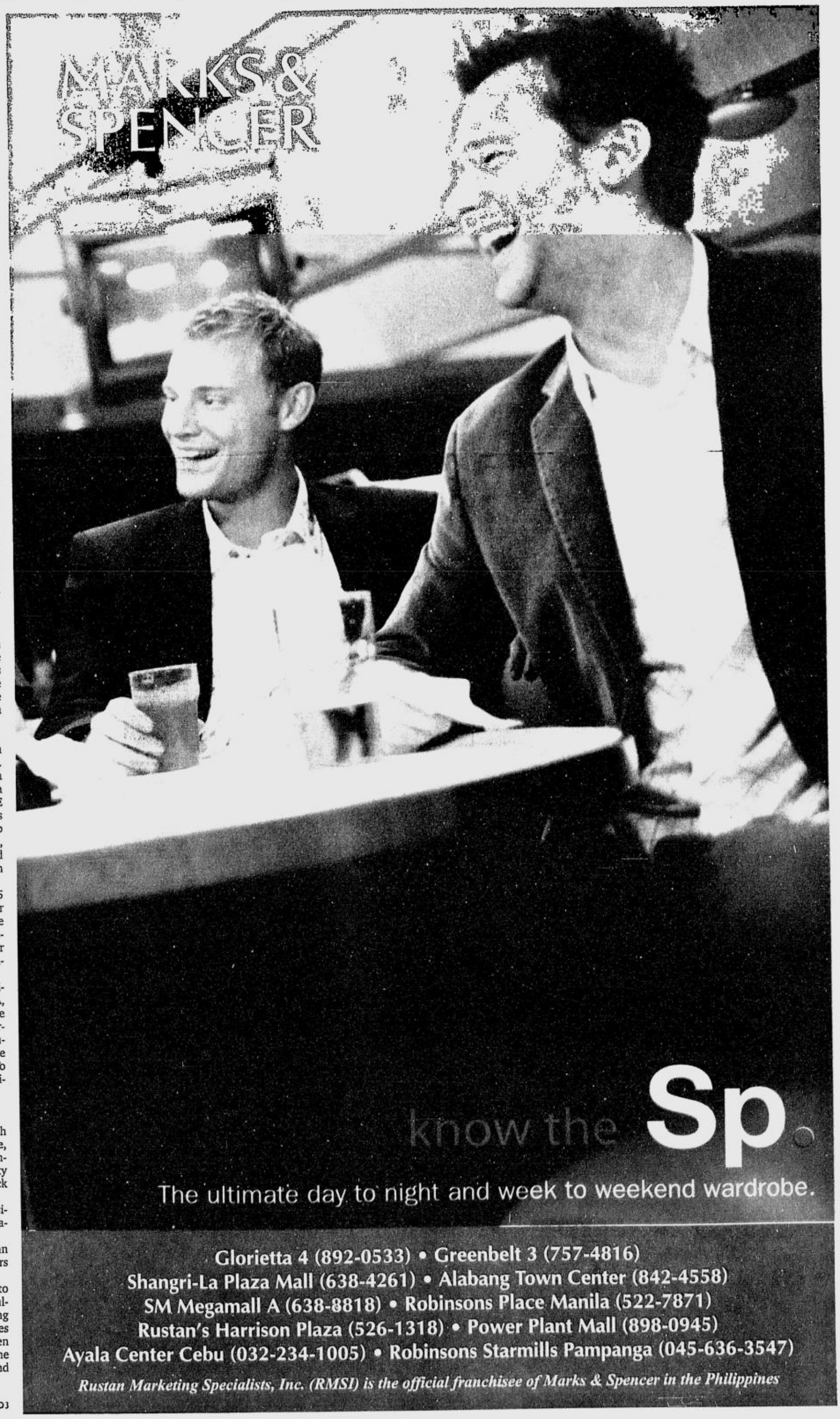
True blue

Virgilio Dalupan was an Atenean through and through. He was an outstanding athlete, having donned the Blue Eagle uniform himself, having skippered the football varsity team, and having been a mainstay in the track and field team.

It was only fitting then that ADMU president Fr. Bienvenido Nebres give the invocation during the tribute to the maestro.

A line in Nebres' short prayer for Dalupan spoke for many of the basketball players whose lives the coach has changed. It went:

"We thank You for his showing us how to win and to achieve—a gift we need in a challenging and competitive world—showing young men how to strive, to accept sacrifices and discipline to achieve their goals, and then bring the lessons and achievements in the playing court to the field of family, career and life."



PADIM Israel and wife Rio Locsin

BRINGING UP BABY. Coach Dalupan with (from left) Rene Montemayor, Bogs Adornado, Sen. Robert Jaworski, Angelina Floro, Ignacio Gotao, and wife of 54 years Lourdes Dalupan

Tribute to a maestro

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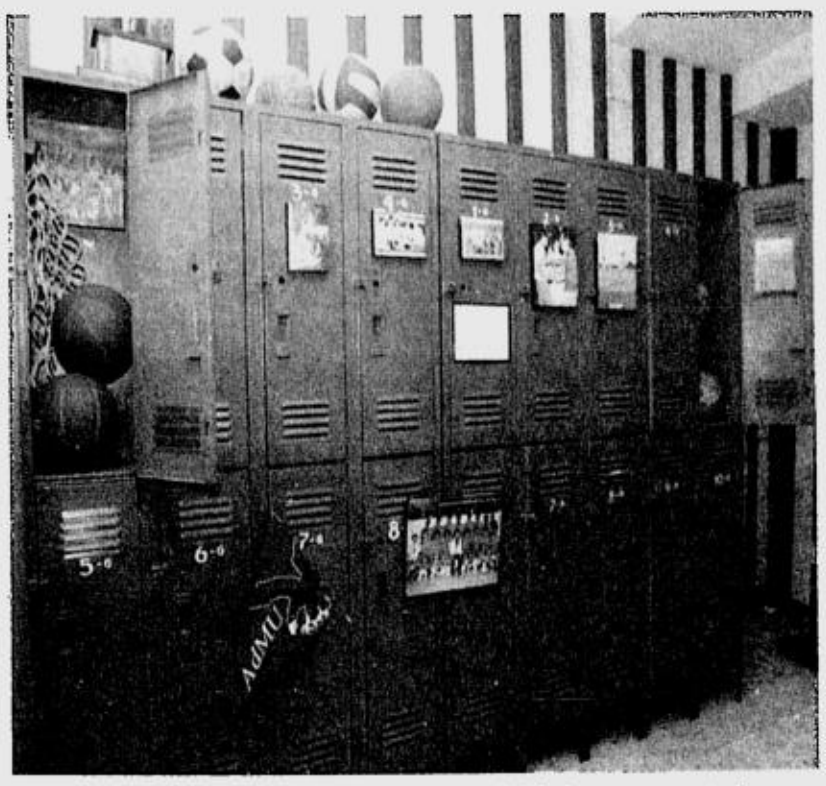

LOCKERS decorated with all kinds of balls and old photos are part of exhibit at UE.

JUST ONE of many victory rides for Coach Dalupan, this one after the UE Warriors bagged the UAAP championship. Can you spot Sen. Robert Jaworski?

From page D1

A living example of the point raised by Nebres is Sen. Robert Jaworski, who started his legendary basketball career with the UE Warriors under coach Dalupan.

Although Jaworski was not included in the lineup of speakers, he said he had to be present. "Look," he told his fellow ex-players, "UE by itself can elect a senator." And he could be right. Founded in 1946, UE has had millions of students, and will have multimillions more passing through its portals.

Pride of UE

UE chair Panfilo O. Domingo noted that the university was proud of its record in two fields.

One of them is in Certified Public Accounting (CPA) where UE used to monopolize the top 10 slots in the board exams. The other is basketball. Under Dalupan, the UE Warriors collected 12 UAAP championships and six National Inter-Collegiate titles.

The tribute-turned-reunion was attended by four leading figures in Philippine basketball, aside from Dalupan, namely, Lito Puyat, long-time president of the Basketball Association of the Philippines; Caloy Loyzaga, the greatest Filipino basketball player of all time; and Leo Prieto, first commissioner of the PBA.

Puyat made a confession that the first man he offered to coach the first PBA-powered national team that competed in Beijing in the early '90s was Dalupan, who was then 70 years old. (The coaching job eventually went to Jaworski, who was then the coach of the Barangay Ginebra team in the PBA.)

Slowed down by a stroke and supported by a cane, the ever-game Prieto managed to show up, albeit a bit late. "I should have been here one hour ago," Prieto told the crowd. "But my driver brought me to the wrong university."

Loyzaga, who was named one of the best basketball players in Asia in his time, flew in from Australia where he and his family now reside, to pay tribute to Dalupan, who was his coach in the national team.

PBA commissioner Noli Eala talked about a toilet incident with Dalupan, only because it served as his inspiration in his current challenging job.

Once when Eala was still a PBA television announcer, he and Dalupan had bumped into each other in the men's room. Dalupan told him that he was in a good position to do something for the league, perhaps foreseeing that Eala would someday become the commissioner.

Everybody who showed up at Dalupan's 80th birthday—Nenang ("my loving wife for the past 54 years without a single break"), his six daughters, his brother and two sisters, his players, everybody—they were all there because of one thing and one thing only: They wanted to show their affection to the man who changed their lives in a big way.

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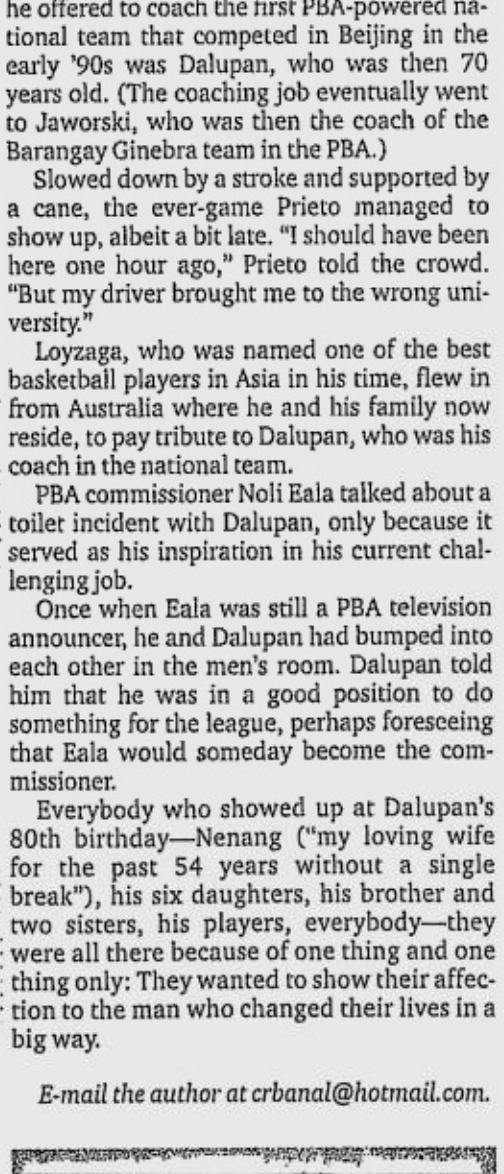

YOUNG ATENEAN Baby Dalupan in this seventh-grade graduation photo

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Managing hyperactivity, impulsivity and inattention

WHILE there's no cure for ADHD, it can be managed with lots of help from parents and teachers

For the past few Saturdays, the ADHD (Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) Society of the Philippines has been conducting forums for parents, teachers and caregivers under its School Caravan Project to make them aware about ADHD and how the disorder should be managed.

On Oct. 23, the caravan will go to a public school for the first time, Highway Hills Elementary School in Mandaluyong City, as part of the First ADHD Awareness Week beginning today until Oct. 25.

ADHD is probably one of the most misunderstood disorders in children and even in adults. People often claim that children who exhibit ADHD symptoms will eventually outgrow and overcome them.

Unfortunatel, there is no cure for ADHD. Those who have been diagnosed with the condition will have to learn how to manage it, with plenty of help needed from parents or guardians.

ADHD School Caravan panel discussion among people involved in the care and management of individuals with ADHD: from left, Ditas Martelino, a mother of an ADHD child, Grace Flores, a special education teacher, Dr. Marie Lim, a developmental pediatrician, Dada Santiago and Jojo Nepomuceno, mothers of ADHD children, Celine Martelino, a 17-year-old who was diagnosed with ADHD four years ago, and Weng Mañalac, a therapist.

DR. Marie Lim

At a recent forum at St. Theresa's College in Quezon City, Dr. Marie Arranz Lim, a developmental pediatrician who sits on the ADHD Society's Board of Advisers, explained that ADHD is a developmental disorder characterized by a cluster of behaviors that are persistent, frequent and more severe than typically observed in same-age peers. Its core symptoms are hyperactivity, impulsivity and inattention.

Children with ADHD have a difficult time at school, so much so that some schools refuse to take them in because they are deemed to be problem children who cause a lot of distraction among their classmates.

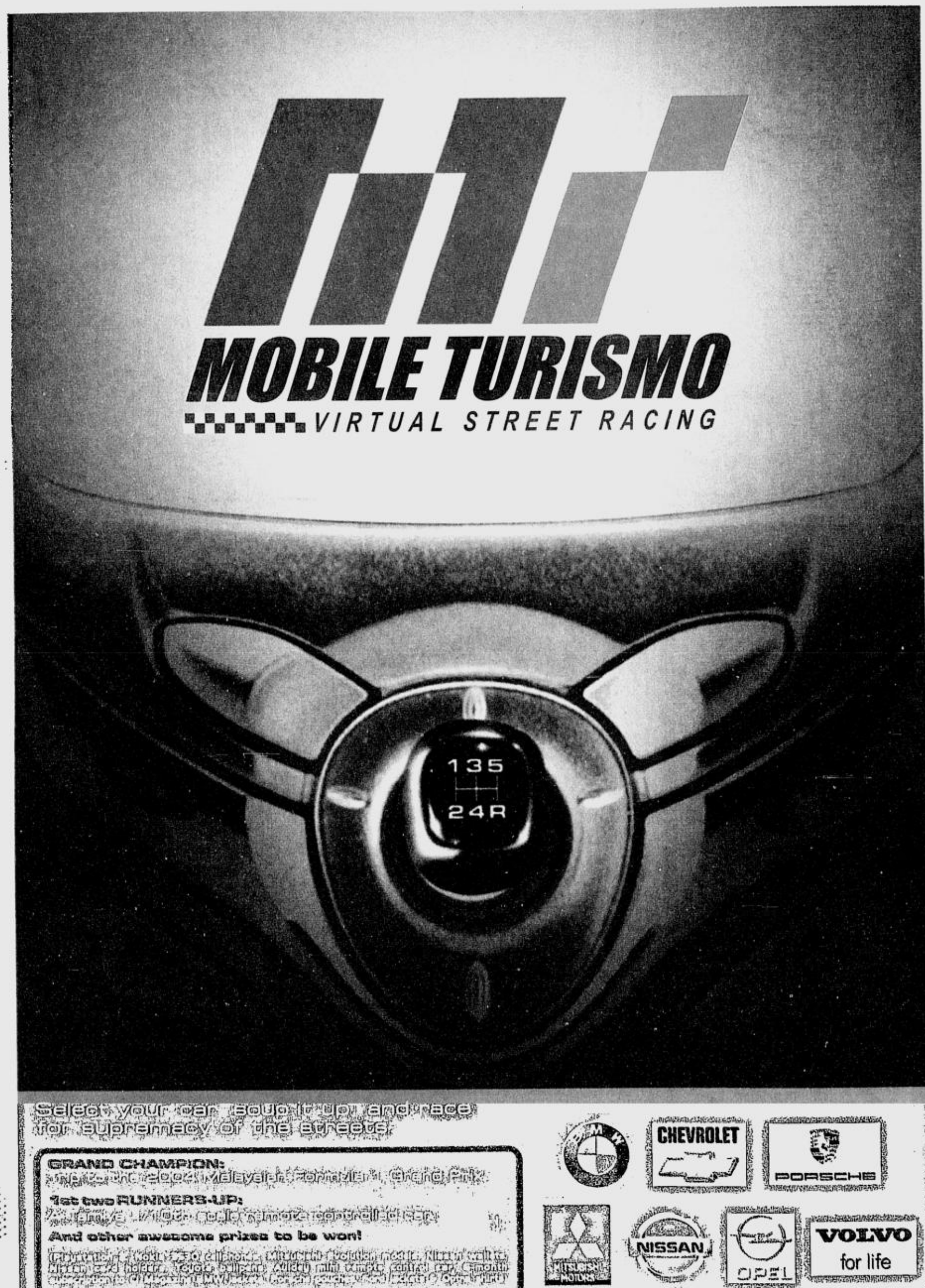
"Once a child has been diagnosed with ADHD, it is important that a parent-professional conference be conducted so that the proper plans and strategies can be mapped out," said Lim.

Doctors may also recommend medication to control the disorder, but behavior management is the key to managing ADHD.

"Behavior management involves the parent, caregiver and the teacher," said Lim. "They have to work together so that the right environment can be developed for the child with ADHD."

The ADHD Society of the Philippines was organized to provide support to individuals with ADHD, their families and professionals who work with them.

Call 4266001 local 4649, or visit the Society's office at Room 205, Center for Social Policy and Public Affairs, Social Development Complex, Ateneo de Manila University, Katipunan Road, Loyola Heights, Quezon City.



Mall celebrates children's month and animals' day

FESTIVAL Supermall in Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, celebrates the Universal Children's Month and World Animals Day this month.

Parents can avail of special rates on children's clothes, toys and accessories from participating shops, toy stores and fashion boutiques at the mall's Kid's Sale until Oct. 25.

Children can play, dance and have their pictures taken together with their favorite mascots at Festive Mascot Parade on Oct. 24, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., 2/L Carousel Court.

Also at the Carousel Court, Shopwise stages its Familia Fashionista fashion showdown today. Richwell Trading will launch Swan Lake Barbie with a series of games, magical show and Barbie Holiday Collection fashion show, Oct. 23-24, 1-6 p.m. and Jollibee will introduce its Kid's Club, Oct. 24.

On Oct. 25 at 2/L Via Moda, kids can participate in Crash Gear Tournament, Beyblade Tournament, Yug-loh Trading Card Game Demo Sessions, Zoids and Gundam exhibit and Blue's Clues Scavenger Hunt.

Festival Supermall commemorates World Animals Day with PetsCapade 2: A Pet's Affair, featuring a fashion show, pet care and grooming lectures, and free pet check-up with guest veterinarians on Oct. 26 and an exhibit of pet accessories on Oct. 26-30 at Carousel Court.

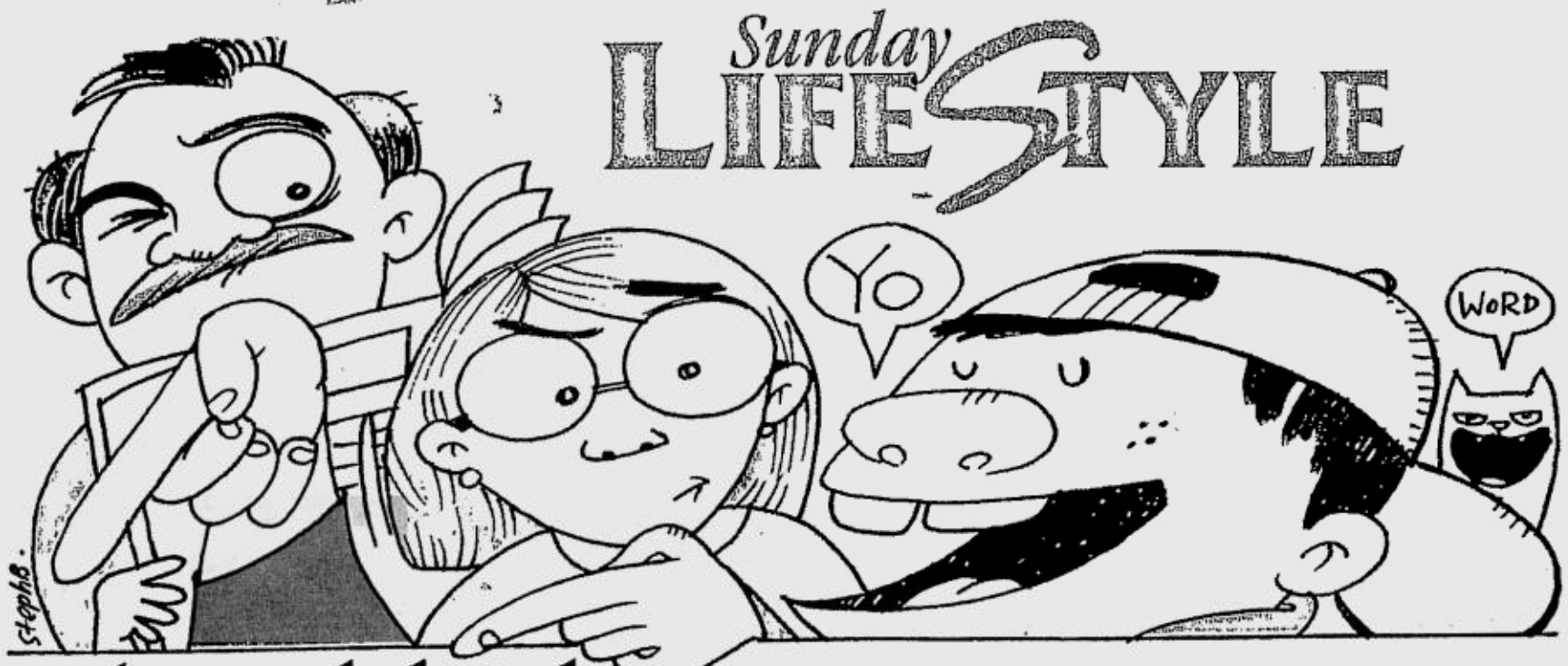
On Halloween, kids from 3-12 years old can dress up as their favorite fairy tale character in A Fairy Tale Halloween costume contest at 2/L Carousel Court.

Those interested must fill out a registration form at the Customer Service counter after availing of either one sheet of 10-ride tickets from any amusement center booth or purchasing items with minimum worth of P500 (single receipt) from participating toy shops and children's stores.

Participants should come in full costume and present their registration forms on Oct. 31, 12 nn-2 p.m. A mall-wide Trick or Treat parade follows at 4 p.m.

On October 25-31, there'll be a furniture exhibit for My Home Magazine's Designing Women at 4/L C-Square.

The exhibit will be highlighted by a fashion show on Oct. 25. Admission is free.



Academics believe the alleged lack of patriotism in Filipinos owes to their lack of a sense of the past

School kids take pride in Pinoy history

By Anne A. Jambora

OUR SOURCE of pride is also our source of insecurity, a paradox that is the bane of every Filipino. We speak and write better English than any of our Southeast Asian neighbors. Most of us practice western religions. But unlike the rest of the Asia, we seem to have no identity, culture and patriotism.

"Reconstructing the Past: In Search of the Roots of the Filipino Identity in Southeast Asia" is the ambitious project of the University of the Philippines-Manila's College of Arts and Sciences for a new teaching curriculum, recently instituted by Dep-Ed. The new module adds precolonial Philippine history to the current Makabayan curriculum.

Identity

Studies in history have focused mainly on postcolonial Philippines and the revolution, but the UP-CAS team believes that ethnicity and culture similar to other Asian countries are more defined during the precolonial period. If Filipinos knew of their precolonial roots and its linkages to their Asian countries, they would better appreciate their ethnic past and take pride in their cultural heritage, according to the team. Ethnicity, after all, is the heart and soul of national identity.

The team, led by UP-CAS dean and molecular biologist Marilou Nicolas, has integrated its study, including Filipino values and patriotism, in the primary and secondary education. The team is composed of Dr. Celestina Boncan and Prof. Grace Estela Mateo, historians; Prof. Louise Bolunia, archeologist; Prof. Teresa de Guzman, anthropologist; and Prof. Deborah Lozada, behavioral scientist.

"Filipinos have no sense of identity because we never really look at our connection with Southeast Asia," she says. Spanish and American colonizers brought with them their language, religion, custom and tradition that Filipinos absorbed like a hungry sponge and "disastrously came out in the image and likeness of their colonizers."

The influences of these western nations are so deeply embedded in the Filipino psyche and culture that they inevitably made us think we are second-class citizens, Nicolas says. "We would rather become somebody else—we change our citizenships, our residencies, our homes... All these talk about love for country is mere lip service. The number of professional Filipinos migrating to other countries is growing," Nicolas notes.

Although Philippine precolonial history, largely ignored for years by many historians, is yet to be fully written, Nicolas believes that its story should now be taught in schools as extensive research is also underway. "We can't wait for the research to be finished before we start to integrate it in our education," she says.

New generation

Better to start them early, she says. The project, Nicolas says, aims to help Filipinos find their identity in the Southeast Asia context and hopes that a new generation of Filipinos will one day emerge—proud and knowledgeable of their heritage. "[Our country's] progress depends on us finding our identity," she says. If we are not confused with our identity, we take pride in our being a Filipino and therefore love our country, Nicolas says.

The project seeks to make today's children progressive thinkers in the future, who some

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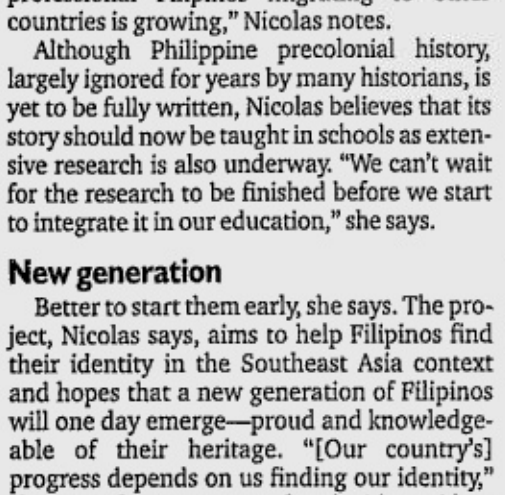
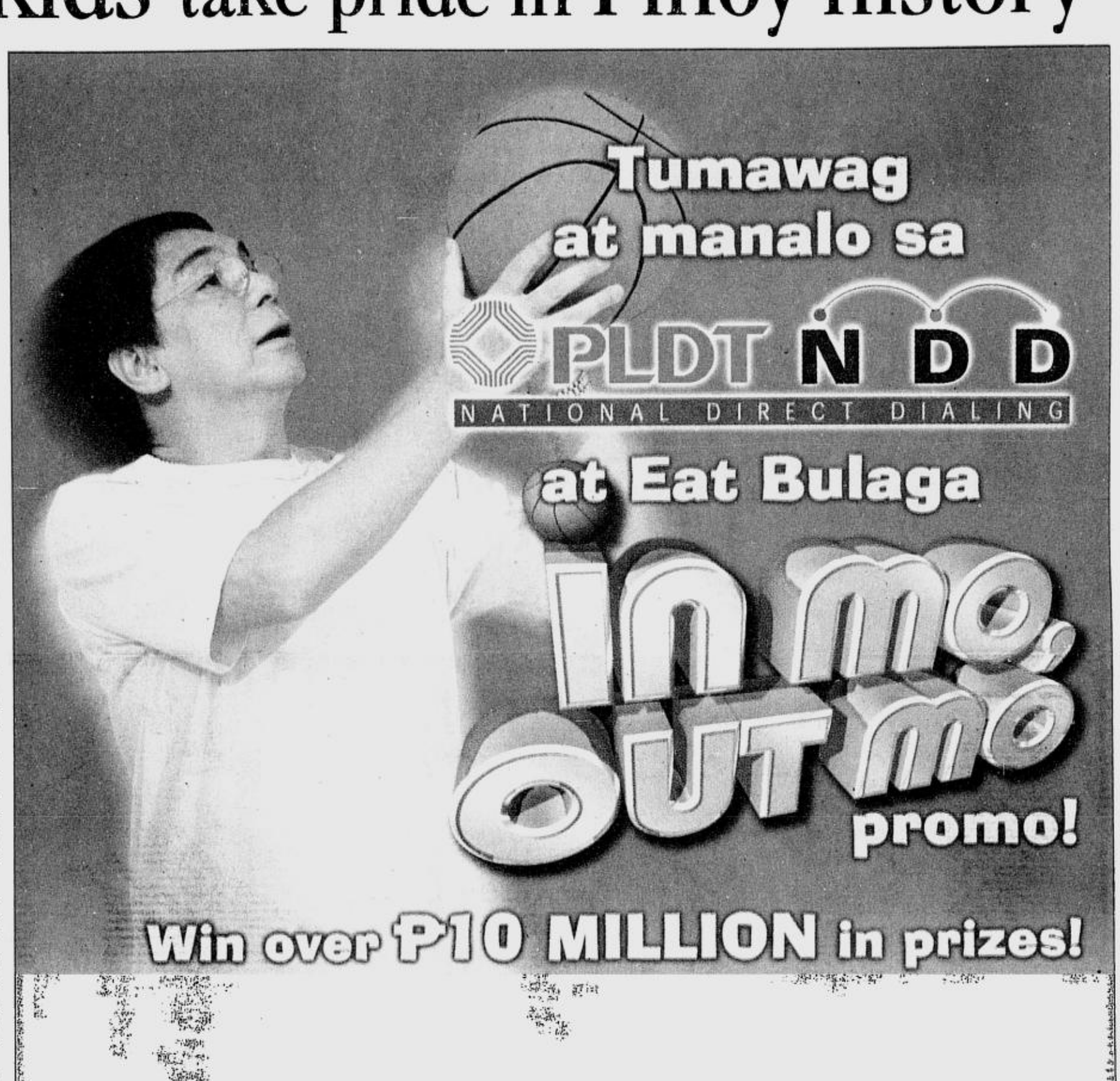


DR. Marilou Nicolas, dean, UP Manila College of Arts and Sciences



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Manood lang ng Eat Bulaga para sa updated game schedule at announcements.

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Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
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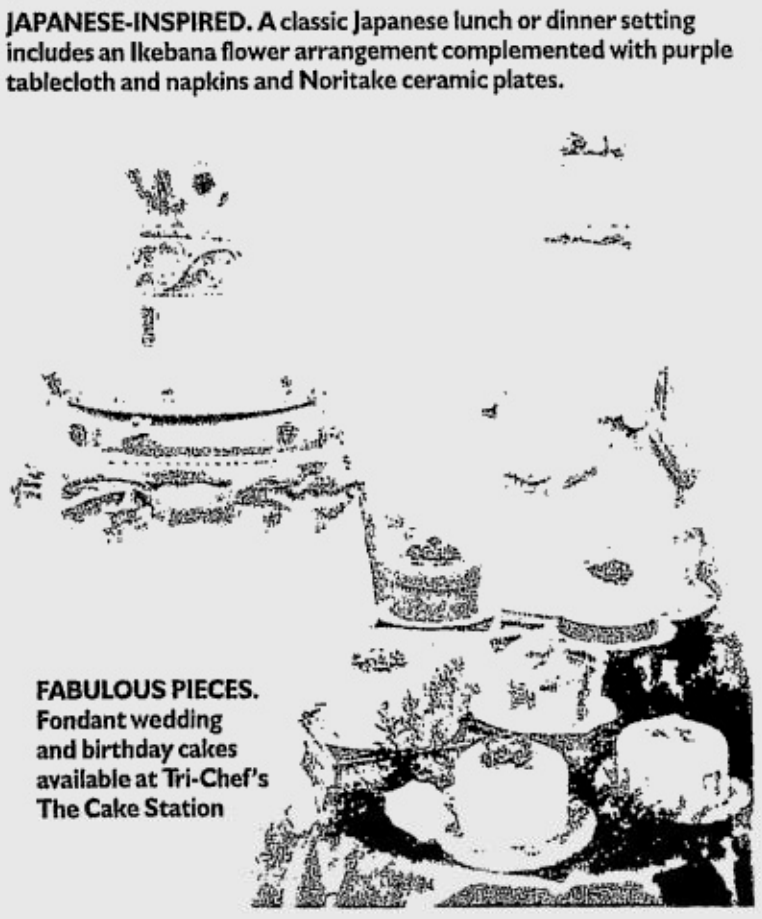

FABULOUS PIECES. Fondant wedding and birthday cakes available at Tri-Chef's The Cake Station

AFTER two decades in the fine dining scene, Tri-Chefs has finally ventured into catering. The shift is not surprising since Tri-chefs strongly feels it is strong in service and culinary development.

Tri-Chefs used to run such crowd-drawers as Takayama, Ima, Crabs and Ribs, and Bangus. Except for Bangus in Greenhills, they are gone now. But the endearing flavors live on, delighting a bigger clientele through the catering service called Cater Club (tels. 7238220, 7251419 and 8968976), one of the largest in Manila.

"Cater Club is our dream showcase after managing several restaurants in the past," says Diana Santamaria of the Tri-Chefs group. "Honestly speaking, we find catering more creative and challenging. For one, no two gatherings are ever the same. With our varied clients, we always have a different menu, different motifs and themes, and different flavors to offer our clients."

Aside from offering Tri-Chefs' old fine-dining favorites, Cater Club has come up with an array of specialties from all over the world—from the exotic dishes of the mysterious East to the flavorful creations of the Mediterranean to the Old-World cooking of Continental Europe.

Cater Club services all kinds of parties, from 12 guests to as many as 1,000 to even packed meals for 50 to 1,000 heads.

It has a loyal following that continues to seek its services for weddings, birthdays, children's parties, debuts, corporate affairs and small private get-togethers. Its diverse clientele covers politicians and corporations. It has catered for SGV, Robinsons Land, SM Supermalls and Malacañang.

What makes its catering service different, says Santamaria, is that it gives special care and attention to details that go into the preparation of quality menus and the creation of the proper ambience through table arrangements, fresh flower designs, colorful tablecloths, and the finest silverware and glassware in garden and home settings or corporate rooms.

"We are not only particular about the food and its taste, we are also meticulous about the way it looks," Santamaria says. "We use sterling silver for elegance, as well as porcelain, china and ceramics for a more tasteful presentation."

Buffet menus

Whether buffet or sit-down style, Cater Club offers 12 international lunch and dinner buffet menus, the prices ranging from P375 to P810 per person.

"We usually sit down with customers who want their own special menus," Santamaria says. Foreign embassies in Manila may have their own national dishes that Cater Club can prepare, Santamaria says.

Santamaria is finicky about the quality of food and service she gives to clients. She goes to the venue and hops from table to table, solicitously looking after the customer's needs. She checks every single item, from utensils and tables to linens, table napkins, vegetables and seasonings.

In a week, Cater Club averages three catering jobs, mostly corporate affairs and special government meetings. No wonder, its production area on P. Guevarra St. in San Juan is always a beehive of activities.

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WEDDING PACKAGE. For a minimum package of P150,000, couples can have free amenities, such as a three-layered fondant cake, six pieces of souvenir cakes, a bridal car, an ice carving, a bottle of sparkling wine for the toast, a personalized guest book, spotlights for the tables, menu cards and place cards for the presidential table, a gazebo for the couple and cake, a carpet of rose petals, a coordinator, and waiters and bartenders.

ROMANTIC GARDEN SETTING. The buffet table is often accented with fresh flowers, lamps or candelabra.

Cater Club combines the menus of the old Tri-Chefs restos and the strength of its personal service

RIGHT AMBIENCE. Diana Santamaria gives special care and attention to even the smallest details to make an occasion truly memorable.

School kids take pride . . .

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day will look for ways to develop the country instead of abandoning her. "If the message gets through to 100 out of one million students, and if these 100 will become leaders some day, then there's hope for the Philippines," Nicolas optimistically notes.

She says education plays a major role in fostering national pride and identity. One of the many flaws in the system, particularly in teaching history, is that teachers focused mainly on the event's dates—the who, what, when, and where. Exams in grade school and high school, in fact, consist mostly of memorizing dates instead of understanding historical events. If instructors concentrate more on the whys of history and dissect major events, then Filipinos would have a better sense of identity and patriotism, Nicolas says.

"In five years time hopefully there will be a trickle effect on the students, and we'll see where this study will further lead us," Nicolas says. "Teachers have a great influence on their students. History must be properly taught."

Nicolas says the project was inspired by her trips abroad, when she observes, as most Filipinos often do when they're away from their country, foreigners seem to have a strong sense of heritage, pride and identity. Children in Japan, for instance, paid their way to visit national museums—and not because they were required by their schools. They simply are proud of their culture, and would like to learn more, she says.

"INQUIRER columnist Conrado de Quiros said Filipinos have a 'national amnesia.' But before we completely forget ourselves, before we lose ourselves [in globalization], we have to go back to the past to know who we are," Nicolas says.

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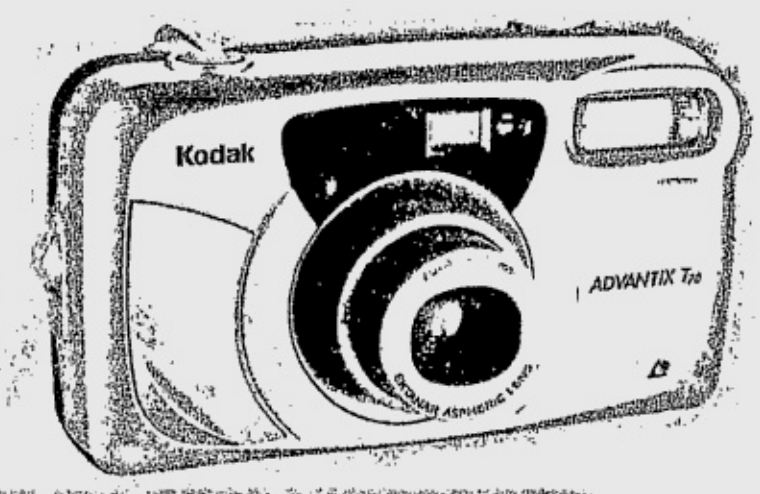

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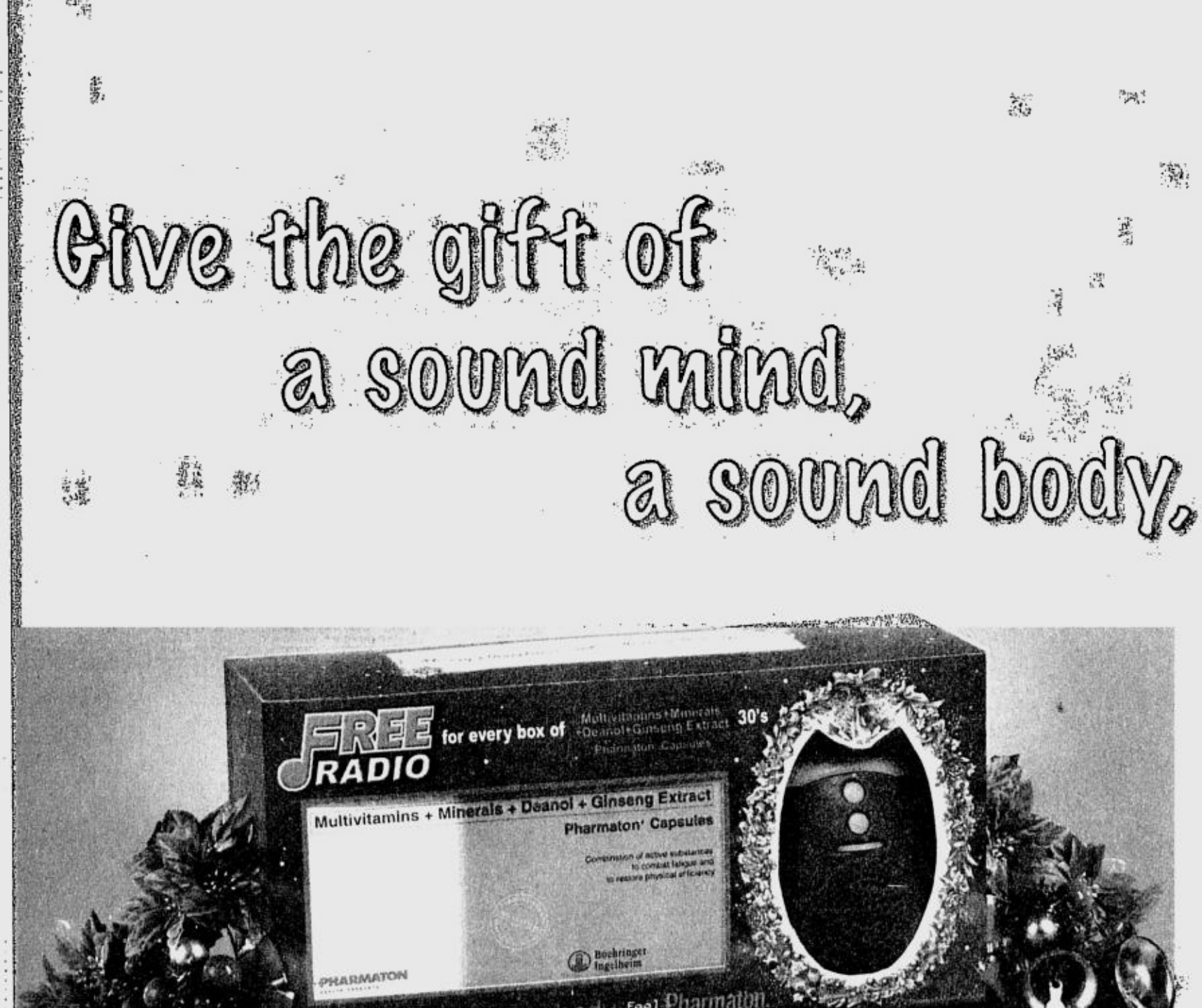

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Iconic style goes ASIAN

Western fashion houses look to the East for inspiration more than ever for their collections this fall

FASHION'S fishy business: The iconic Dior Saddle Bag rides East with eyecatching fish print and tassels.

By Kitty Go
Contributor

HARDLY any European or American designer has ever sent out a collection without any Asian influence.

However, I have always thought that selling Asian-inspired fashion created by Western design houses to the Asian market is akin to selling snow to Eskimos. Why buy a floral-printed Gucci kimono when you could get an authentic (and potentially a better made) one from Mitsukoshi? Every house from Armani to Zegna has done the cheongsam or Mao tops when one could easily walk into any Hong Kong or Taiwanese tailor and get a custom-made one for a lot less.

And yet, the Asian inspiration is stronger than ever this fall. With the opening of "Kill Bill" this weekend, fascination with historical and contemporary Asia is inevitable.

Distinctively Dior

This time, fashion seems to be leaping ahead. John Galliano was so besotted with China that not only did he hire Shaolin monks for Dior's 2003 Spring/Summer haute couture show, but his entire 2003-04 Autumn/Winter ready-to-wear line was inspired by his first trip to China in 2002.

However, not every fashion label has had Dior's strong style conviction. There are still

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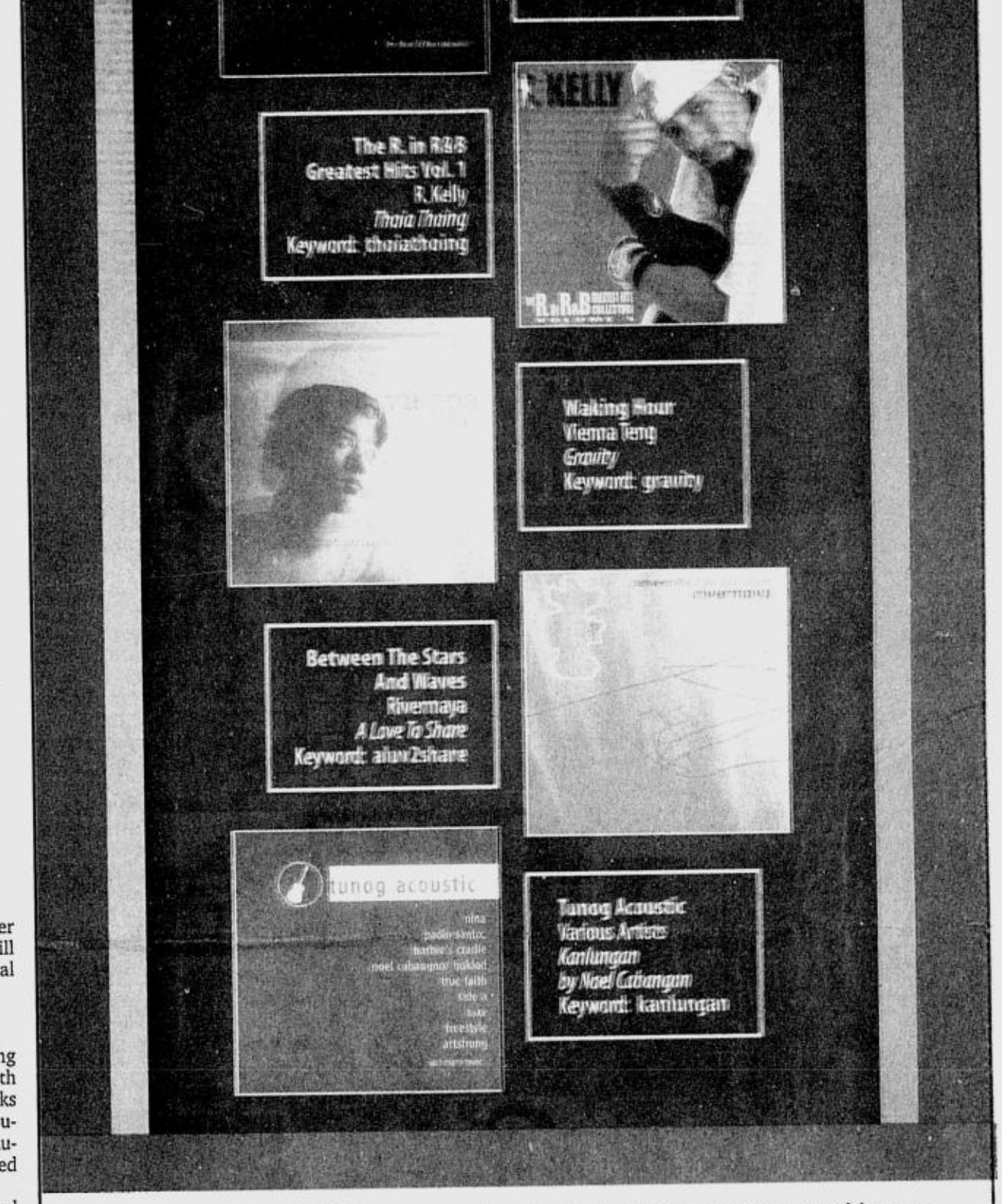

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Iconic style goes ASIAN

THE HARDCORE look: Juxtaposing the softness of chiffon with the rawness of leather is the decadent harmony John Galliano projects for the Asian-inspired Dior Fall/Winter 2003-04 collection.

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signs of an Asian-inspired fashionable life, though, this time in iconic merchandise.

Asians, like the rest of the fashion-prone world, love iconic products and some design houses have taken this very item and fashioned it not just with random Asian influence but specific historical or symbolic inspiration. There has never been a more stylishly precise situation where East meets West.

The Dior Saddle Bag has been so identified with the label that it has become the style phrase comparable to what copy machines are to Xerox ("Make a Xerox of this") or stick-on notes to Post-It ("I see the Post-It on my desk"). Say "I bought a Saddle Bag" and immediately any fashionista will know you got *the* one from Dior.

After establishing the utilitarian saddle bag in the fashion scene for several years, Galliano turns the bestseller into a feminine day-to-evening look that complements his Asian-inspired collection. Whether you believe black is dead and color reigns or you shroud yourself in black like a Sicilian widow, any of Dior's two saddle bags will accommodate your load of a mobile phone, wallet, lipstick, keys, etc. in impeccable Asian style.

Predominant in Chinese art and still a symbol for wealth and good wishes, the fish makes an appearance in one bag in a beautiful green and bright pink print balanced by two pink tassels.

The peony is so identified with China and Japan and Galliano has used this as inspiration for an aqua and white print for a smaller version accented by a single red tassel.

Celine has launched a limited edition of its best-selling Boogie bag in luxuriously high-maintenance white suede to commemorate French-Chinese relations which are being celebrated this month.

Boogie for 8

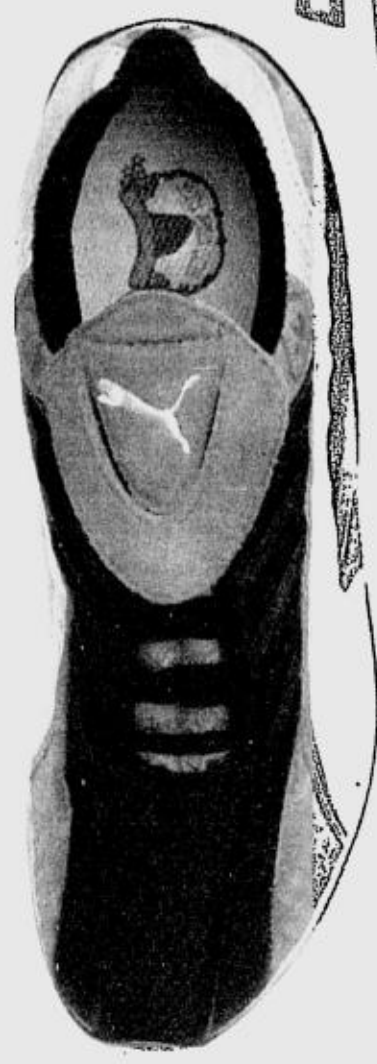
The Boogie Bonheur serves as a canvas for a sophisticated Song Dynasty (960 to 1280 AD) style painting of a lotus and a calligraphy poem. In Buddhism, the lotus is a symbol of purity and light. It is believed that Buddha made the flower grow in his path and religious art depicts him on lotus thrones.

The artwork, by Chinese artist Fanfan Li, uses colors mixed in ancient, traditional methods blending lapis lazuli for blues, malachite for greens and pearls for white.

Each bag is hand-painted with a different design and takes 20 hours to make. The designs are on white suede for a purpose: to enhance the fragility of paintings realized in the purest tradition of the Song Dynasty.

This bag puts the limit on limited edition: only eight are available, one each for Paris, New York, London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Shanghai and Beijing. What are your chances?

BOOGIE Bonheur: To celebrate French-Chinese relations, Celine married a fashion icon and an artistic renaissance in this white suede bag with a Song Dynasty-style painting.



SHUDOH Tang Puma, when running around in style is not enough. You have to be so lucky! Peek into the sneaker and you'll see the Shanghai Tang logo.

The lucky shoe

In Chinese culture, you can't get a luckier number than 8-8-8, or as the Hong Kong Chinese say, "pat pat pat." And you can't get a more unique pairing with more stylish results than Shanghai Tang and Puma in creating the Shudoh Tang Puma (888.puma.com). There are only 888 pairs of these sneakers in the market, available at all Shanghai Tang shops, Puma concept stores and Fred Segal in Los Angeles.

Selling at $200 a pair, these sneakers use the recently-hip-again Puma design of contrasting curves combined with double-fish motif and Chinese characters that appear on the tongue and insole. As if the partnership has not done enough for the sake of luck by supplying 888 pairs and using the double-fish motif, the launch date of the shoe was Sept. 19, an auspicious date in the I-Ching.

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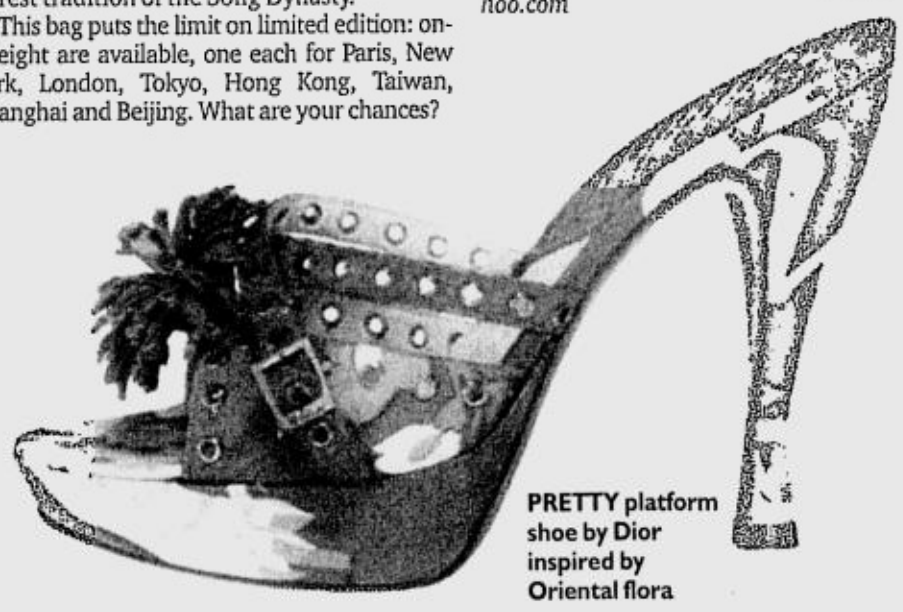

PRETTY platform shoe by Dior inspired by Oriental flora

CHINESE Slinky Americana: John Galliano combines the refinement of Asian florals with sophisticated European colors and casual, athletic numerals, the symbol of American sporting life, in evening wear that summarizes the new hi-low chic.

Well-attended groundbreaking rites for British bank's new home

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

ONCE, I flicked through the phone book in search of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp., and found that number under the abbreviated "HSBC." I was further informed by the lovely **Debbie Marie Dy**, who heads HSBC in Cebu, that it is a British bank.

The HSBC CEO in the Philippines, **Warner Manning**, and his beautiful wife **Julie** have been in this country for almost a year now, and they've made several visits to Cebu.

Their latest was on the first weekend of October, and its main purpose was the groundbreaking rites for HSBC's new home, located at Cebu Business Park. That's the enclave Ayala Land has transformed from the Club Filipino golf links into a mini-Makati.

The building, to be completed in time for the 2004 Chinese New Year, will also house Wealthbank and the spanking new offices of Grand Holidays. Hence, the presence of **Margaret Gaisano Ang** at the ceremony.

CEBU City Mayor Tommy Osmeña and HSBC Cebu's Debbie Marie Dy

After the ceremony, while Warner played golf with **Montxu Aboitiz**, Julie was steered by Debbie and **Nathalie Po** to a lively press luncheon at City Sports Club Cebu, whose Mai-i restaurant exudes world-class ambience for fine dining.

Whenever they come to Cebu, Mr. and Ms Manning stay at Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort, which has recently refurbished its rooms to the nth degree of luxury. This time, they hosted a dinner worthy of La Chaine des Rotisseurs at the resort's Shang Palace.

This visit came close on the heels of the Red Mastercard launch. That's a very special credit card ideal for the Cebuana woman: There's a long list of special features and attractions such as discounts and privileges which have been extolled in full-page ads in local papers.

The HSBC Red Mastercard launch at Ayala Center was a fashion event featuring lines carried by Stores Specialists, Marks & Spencer, Salvatore Ferragamo, Nine West, Bass, Jessica, Charriol, Dexter USA and Column Eighteen.

Other HSBC personalities who attended the event were SVP for marketing **James Benoit**, VP for cards **Claire Ann Tap**, and **Laine Santana**, who handles public affairs.

Debbie Marie Dy and Nathalie Po led the Cebu team, which also included **Leo Abella, Ruan Aliño, Tess Maribao, Mia Zamora** and **Liezl Beltran.**

Three Cebuanas earlier chosen as the embodiment of the ideal Visayan woman were asked to grace the catwalk.

There's **Bunny Ludo**, who is a culinary whiz running her own restaurant and actively doing civic work as an Arts Council trustee. And there's sportswoman **Amale Mendezona Jopson.** Completing the trio was **Betty Larrazabal Veloso**, whose ethereal beauty belies her executive skills. She helps run her family's Cebu Doctors Hospital.

Seen at the launch were Cebu City Mayor **Tommy Osmeña** and his lovely wife **Margot; Jack Gaisano**, who says he'd like to crisscross Spain some day with a busload of family members; Stores Specialists president **Anton Huang**; and **Jackie Aquino**, who choreographed the fashion show.

Others seen were **Jennifer Tan**, who was in red that evening and was proclaimed Lady of the Night; **Aissa de la Cruz**, who had coordinated the event with her usual aplomb; **Gloria Gaisano** with her daughter **Jenel**; UK Consul **Moya Jackson**, giving the Mannings an appraisal on Cebu (she's been here since 1961); fashion plates **Amparito Lhuillier, Rosebud Sala** and **Teresing Mendezona**, who had all heads turning in their direction as they wove through the elegant crowd.

JULIE and Warner Manning with Cebu City's first lady Margot Osmeña

Inter-Con's Cebu sales agents

The Hotel Inter-Continental Manila is known as one of the grand dames of the hotel industry, and everyone abbreviates the name further into the Inter-Con.

Marketing director **Carmela Bocanegra** and sales manager **Angela Soriano** were recently in Cebu to host a cocktail party and announce that they now have a general sales agent for Cebu and Davao.

That's SW International, represented on this occasion by **Janet Alfafara, Shelley Sanico, Kate Castro** and **Shirley Reyes.** Qantas Australian Airlines' country manager **Honeybee Hubahib**, who's a Cebuana, was also present.

Leon Rodeon Rojas, director of the Department of Foreign Affairs office in this region, was present and happy to meet Ambassador **Ruth Pearce** of Australia. She came just in time to catch up with the party and gamely joined the festive crowd.

Inter-Con souvenir items were raffled off, as well as overnight stays, which were quickly booked by the winners within 24 hours. Frantic bookings were also made by those who took note of the Inter-Con's Christmas Bazaar weekend rates: P5,800 for two nights and three days, plus lots of amenities (breakfast for two included). There we go!

Asia-Pacific beauties don 'abel Iloco'

THE CANDIDATES in this year's Miss Asia-Pacific contest are lucky to have visited the beautiful places in the Ilocos Region.

Flown in by Air Philippines, they took part in a program organized by Ilocos Sur provincial officials in coordination with GMA Network and officials of the Miss Asia-Pacific Quest Inc.

With the Ilocos festival underway at the old town section, now known as the Heritage Walk, the beauties joined in the street dancing, tasted the the best Ilocano food and participated in the "Mardi Gras" parade.

The beauty queens from all over the greater Asia Pacific also visited the *burnayan* or clay jar factories, the local weavers, museums, the old cathedral, beaches and the best of sites and sounds of Ilocandia.

They were feted with a welcome dinner at Baluarte, the home of Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson.

The three-day stay in Ilocos Sur culminated with a fashion show featuring the *abel Iloco*, with the candidates wearing gowns and casual wear made of the Ilocano woven fabric.

The best *abel Iloco* casual wear was worn by Miss Philippines Jamie Liz Castillo; best in *abel Iloco* evening gown, Miss Singapore Celest Lim; and Ilocos Choice, Miss Russia Tanya Nikitina.

The best designer award was given to Bryan Licuanan.

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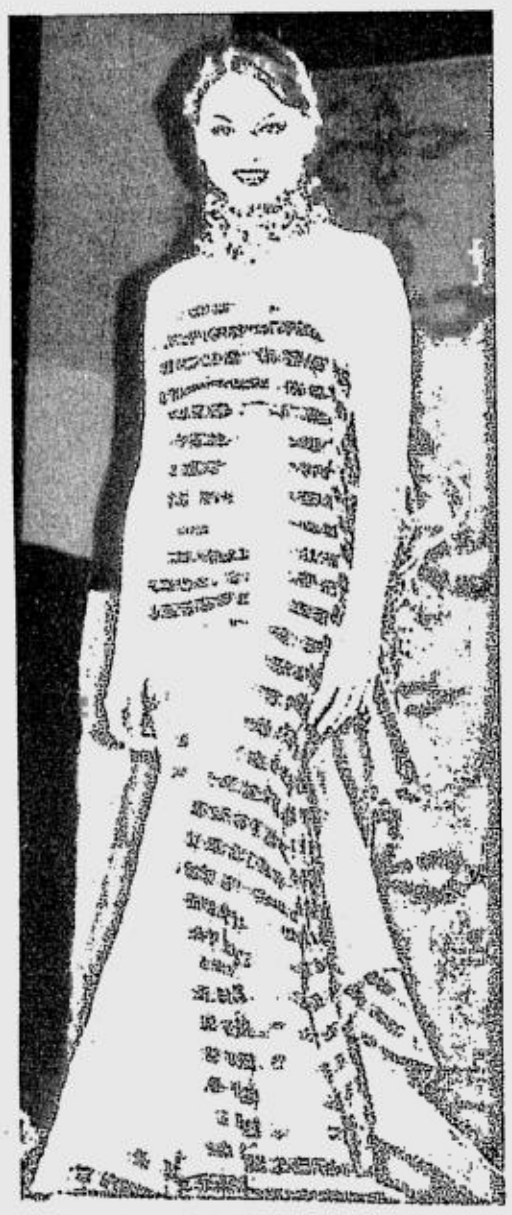

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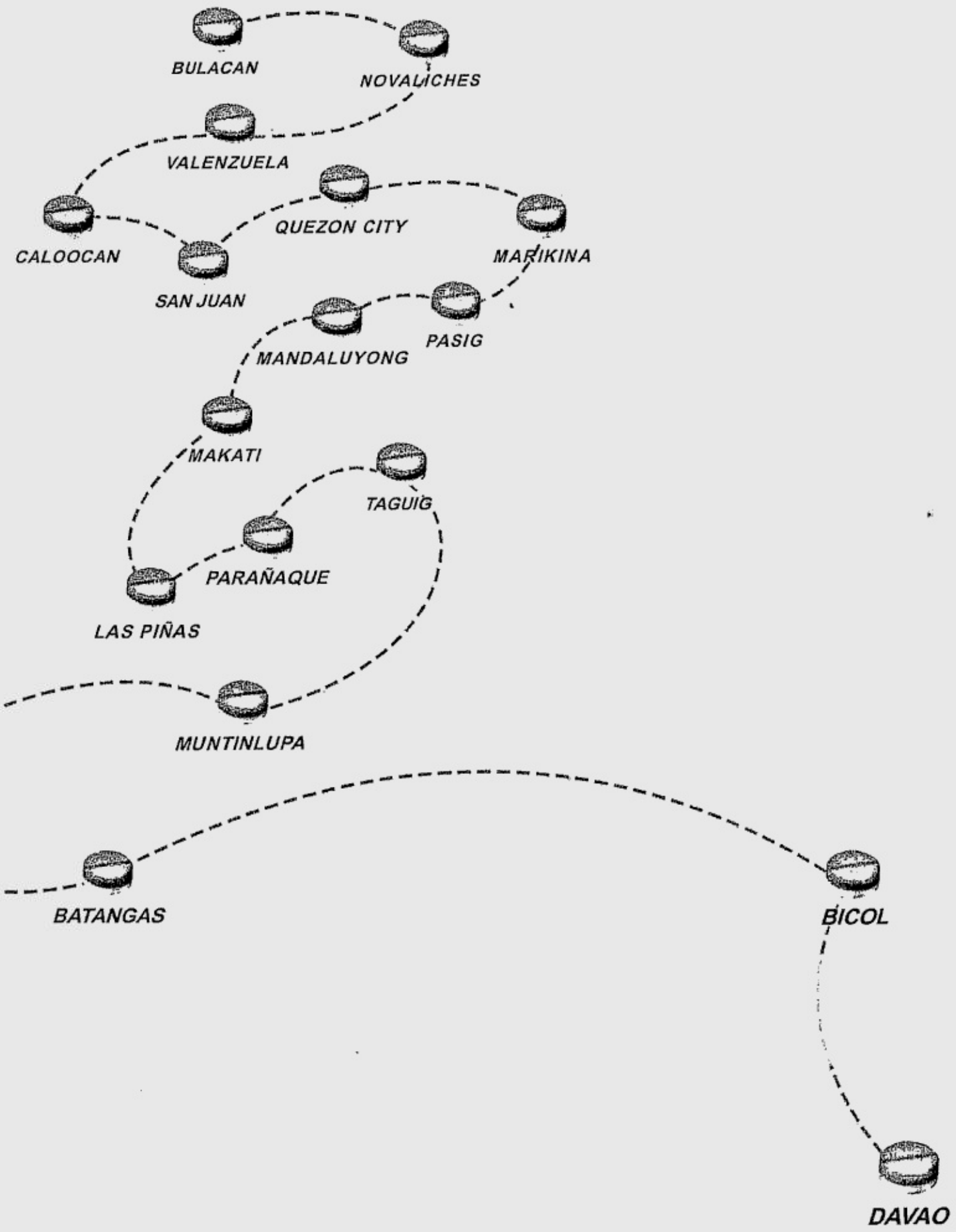

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HELENA Zoila Benitez (third from right) receives her award from Arthur Panganiban I, Manila Jaycees president; Judy Roxas, AY Foundation director; Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco, AY Foundation chair; and Vice President Teofisto Guingona as Jaime Cardinal Sin looks on. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Why Mother Teresa lives on

Former senator Helena Benitez is this year's recipient of the award named after the apostle of charity from Calcutta

By Rowena C. Burgos

MOTHER Teresa by her life and work demonstrated that spirituality and charity, which have always animated the Catholic tradition, remain relevant today.

The resilience of that tradition is reflected in the Mother Teresa Award (MTA), which was established in 1983 by the Alfonso Yuchengco Foundation Inc. (AYF) and Manila Jaycees.

Inspired by the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and candidate for sainthood, the award is given to outstanding individuals who have dedicated their lives in the service of the poor, the destitute and the abandoned.

Mother Teresa, the Albanian-born nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity to take care of the poorest of the poor, died in September 1997 at the age of 87. She'll be beatified on Oct. 19 in Rome.

This year's Mother Teresa awardee is Helena Zoila Benitez, an educator, diplomat, civic leader, women's rights advocate and promoter of Philippine arts and culture.

"A versatile, well-rounded person and modern-day Renaissance lady are the characteristics of Ms Benitez as she sees no bounds or limits when it comes to helping the poor," said Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco, AYF chair, at the recent awarding ceremonies held at RCBC Plaza, Makati.

Benitez was recently inducted into the Democratic Hall of Fame International by the National Graduate University of Washington, D.C. She was the third to gain this distinction, the first two being former United States Presidents Harry S. Truman and Ronald Reagan.

Benitez also received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontefice from Pope John Paul II in 1994 for her exemplary services as a catechist and a Catholic lay leader.

Touched

"I'm touched by this award because you're honoring Mother Teresa, whose piety was extraordinary. It was a gift. For me, what counts most are the lives I've touched for the better. It never fails to invest in people. And I thank these ordinary people with good hearts who have helped me do such things for which I'm being recognized," Benitez said.

Benitez was chosen by the MTA board of judges composed of Jaime Cardinal Sin (board chair), Ambassador Yuchengco, Ramon Bagatsing Jr. (former Manila Jaycees president), Susanne Santos (AYF president) and Arthur Panganiban I (Manila Jaycees president) from 38 nominees.

Benitez received a cash prize of P1 million. She will give half of her prize to Asociacion de Damas Filipinas in Paco, Manila, a home for orphans and abandoned children founded by her mother, Francisca Tirona Benitez.

Former awardees

The late Fr. Anthony Hoffste, a priest who spent 35 years of his life attending to the needs of the Hansenites at Tala Leprosarium, was the first Mother Teresa Awardee. Mother Teresa herself went to Manila to confer the award.

Other past awardees include Sr. Carmen Locsin, a nun who works with overseas Filipinas in Japan; Laureana Franco, a catechist; Fr. Graetian Murray, who took care of Negros Occidental's orphaned and abandoned children for 40 years; Sr. Maggiorina Arenas, a missionary nun who has spent a good part of her life among the Mangyans of Mindoro; Sr. Eva Fidela Maamo, a nun and accomplished surgeon; and Dr. Aleli Guzman Quirino, who founded the St. Martin de Porres Charity Hospital and devoted her whole life to charity work.

"There are many Filipinos who are leading the mission of Mother Teresa to alleviate the plight of the poor, abandoned and destitute but want to remain unknown," said Jose Amado Mamuric, chair of MTA 2003 search committee. "Together with the AY Foundation, we'll continue to honor and recognize these humble individuals. Through their exemplary lives, we hope that sustained development of individuals and the community may further be achieved."

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They hardly talked to each other in elementary school. But when they ran into each other many years later, they clicked

YAMBOT-PUNO NUPTIALS

Grade school batchmates find *love* in adulthood

BUNCHES of pink and white roses lined the aisles and decorated the altar of the Church of the Risen Lord in UP Diliman, QC. The night before, they had been painstakingly placed there by aunts and nieces of the groom (amateur florists all, but you wouldn't know that from the beautiful arrangements). Quite a perfect setting for the wedding of Pablo Leonardo Yambot and Nelly Annegret R. Puno.

The simple ceremony was officiated by Bishop Emerito Nacpil, Fr. Horacio Sison and Fr. Arturo Andres Bautista Jr.

Fresh from her post-graduate schooling in Vienna, soprano Rica Nepomuceno, a cousin

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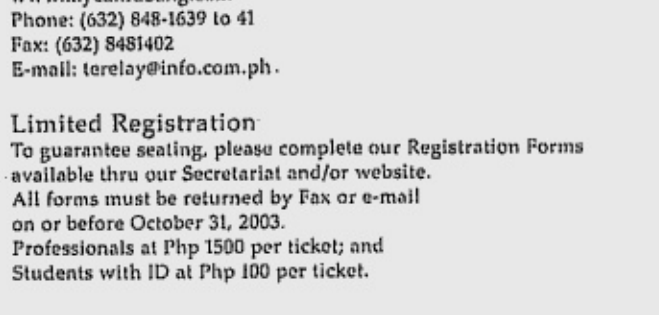

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WITH maid of honor Aisabai D. Abdula and best man Ibarra M. Gutierrez III

Grade school batchmates find *love* in adulthood

WITH friends from their University of the Philippines Integrated School days

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of the groom and a graduate of the UP Conservatory of Music, sang "Panis Angelicus," "Caro Mio Ben" and "Sa Bawat Sandali" at the wedding, and "Depuis Le Jour" at the reception.

Gossamer Wings, a choir composed of UP Integrated School (UPIS) graduates (including the groom's younger sister Laura) sang popular classics after the wedding ceremony.

At the reception, Dondi Ong and Alexis Edralin rendered memorable songs, highlighting the joyous occasion.

Noticeably absent at the reception was the obligatory pair of love birds, a deliberate statement of the young couple, both of whom are cat lovers, against cruelty to animals. Before marrying, Anne had 20-plus cats in her parents' home, and she hopes more than half of them would eventually feel at home in her new home with Pablo.

Pablo and Nelly Annegret started dating almost four years ago, but had known each other since childhood. Schoolmates at the UPIS, they hardly talked to each other then.

After their elementary graduation, Pablo, son of Efren and Lerma Yambot and nephew of INQUIRER publisher Isagani Yambot, went to the Philippine Science High School and from there, to the UP College of Engineering.

Anne, daughter of lawyer Leven and Nelly Puno, finished high school at UPIS, and went to the UP Law School.

They met again in December 1999 at a café in Malate. Anne was with some UP Law friends, and Pablo, who came from a company party of Procter and Gamble, joined the group. The rest, as they say, is history.

Principal female sponsors at the wedding were lawyer Luzviminda D. Puno, Nenita R. Santos, Delia F. Majaba, Victoria R. Elises, Corazon Alvina (represented by Teresita Alvina), Vivian S. de Lima and Irene A. Roa.

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Around 300 relatives and friends joined the couple at the reception at the Pen.

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Palo Cathedral needs help rebuilding its burned rectory

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Josephine Darang

WHEN we visited Tacloban on Oct. 7 to attend the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in Tolosa, Leyte, we passed by Palo Cathedral, but found instead a burned rectory.

The parishioners' hearts must have been broken when their centuries-old rectory got burned in the early hours of Aug. 6, 2002, feast of the Lord's Transfiguration.

Although broken-hearted, Fr. Stephen Pesado, parish priest, did not dwell on his grief, but instead started rebuilding with the help of his assistants, Fr. Dennis Molabola and Fr. Alcris Badana.

Through a series of fundraisers, the rectory and pastoral center have been rebuilt, but much more needs to be done.

If you wish to help, please visit www.palocathedral.org and deposit your donations to Land Bank (Tacloban branch) account number 0182-1087-31 or call (053) 3234050.

History of Palo Cathedral

Palo Cathedral is also the parish of Our Lord's Transfiguration. It is the seat of the Archdiocese of Palo where the present Archbishop Pedro Dean resides. Also in the parish are resident priests Fr. Jose Alfaro and Fr. Felipe Diloy.

The Jesuit Fathers were the founders of the parish. Records show that they came in 1595 and immediately constructed a church. The first was inaugurated in 1598, the forerunner of the present Palo Cathedral of the Transfiguration.

In 1768, when the Jesuits were ordered to leave the Philippines, the Augustinian friars took over the parish. In 1843, the Franciscans succeeded them, until the outbreak of the Philippine revolution against Spain in 1898.

The church was repaired by Fr. Agustin de Consuegra, who built the twin towers in 1859, and continued by Fr. Pantaleon de la Fuente, who finished the twin towers and installed the façade in 1896 up to March 1900.

The church also housed the first seminary of Palo in 1925. It was proclaimed a cathedral on March 25, 1938, with Msgr. Manuel Mascariñas as the first bishop. It was also used as a hospital by American liberation forces from October 1944 to March 1945.

The parish was made the seat of the Archdiocese in December 1982, with Msgr. Cipriano Urgel as the first archbishop.

SOS for seminary chapel

Fr. Alvin Nicolasora, dean of St. John School of Theology seminarians, wrote to inform us that our appeal for the improvement of their chapel got responses from readers who deposited money in their bank account.

Their many friends also responded, while a lady whose daughter died of cancer at age 16 donated an altar table, a credence and a lectern in her memory.

According to Fr. Gil Manaog, spiritual director, glass works have replaced the open grills around the chapel. But the backdrop of the altar still has to be changed to make it more conducive to prayer.

After all, as Fr. Alvin writes: "We want to take care of Jesus, to ensure a dignified celebration of His memorial which is the Holy Eucharist. In so doing, we are convinced that He will take care of us—for, remember, He is Providence."

Those who wish to help can text 0920-5209564 or deposit donations to Equitable PCI Bank (Tacloban branch) under the account of the Theology department of St. John, account number 0185-79806-2. There are 48 theology students in this seminary.

God is the source

Although we are asking for help for two causes in the same place, we know that God will provide. Mother Teresa always said during her lifetime that God is the source, and she was only an instrument. You will become instruments, too, if you help. Thank you for your kindness.

Rosary for Life comes to Manila

There will be a Rosary for Life conference on Nov. 11, 11 a.m., at Club Filipino. Lay organizations that are interested to attend can text 0927-4180392.

Wyn Powers promotes the Rosary for Life movement in the United States with the approval of Archbishop Edward Cardinal Egan of New York. She founded the movement in 1992 after 25 years of working with Citibank.

It aims to promote reverence and respect for the gift of life, especially the life of the unborn through the powerful intercession of Mama Mary, Mother of God.

Serving on a volunteer basis, the movement's members are now in 27 countries including the Philippines.

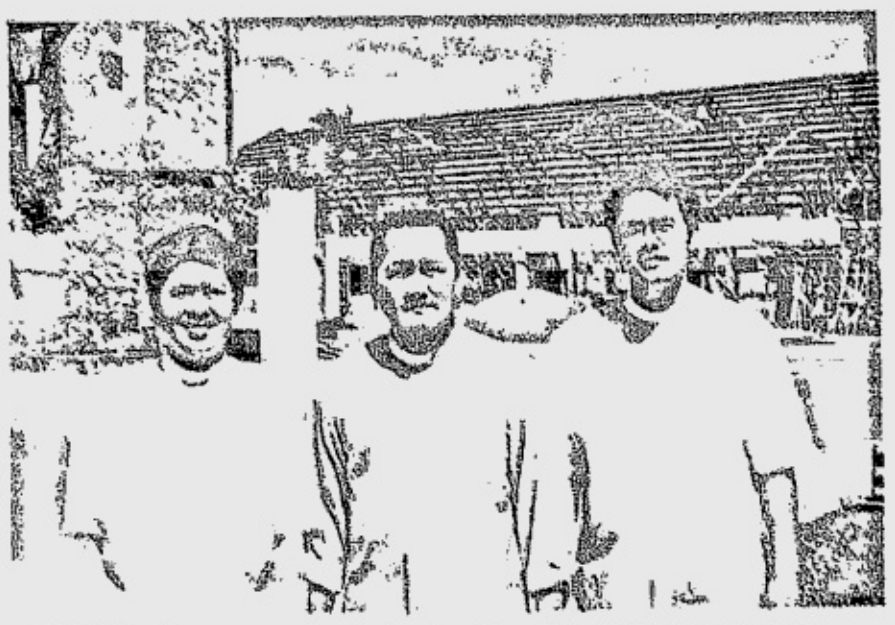
Catandungan Festival

The province of Catanduanes will hold the Catandungan Festival on Oct. 22-24 in Virac. Highlights of the festival are the procession of Our Lady of La Naval from the Virac Cathedral to the Capitol Lobby on Oct. 24 at 8:30 a.m., and the Padadyaw sa Tinampo street dancing at the town plaza.

Year of the Rosary

The grade school department of St. Scholastica's College celebrates the Year of the Rosary with Marian Days in October.

A Marian exhibit is ongoing until Oct. 24 at the school's Amrhein Gallery. Other images of Mary will visit the school: Our Lady of Montserrat on Oct. 20, Our Lady of Remedies on Oct.21, Niña Maria on Oct. 22 and Our Lady of La Naval on Oct. 23.



IN FRONT of the construction, Fr. Stephen Pesado (center) with Fr. Dennis Molabola and Fr. Alcris Badana

CAILE DEBUT

Katrina Mae De Veyra Caile, only child of engineer **Jose** and **Emily Caile**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance on Oct. 25 at Real Convention Centrum, Tacloban City. Trina is a sophomore medical technology student of Trinity College in QC.

Joshue del Pilar will do her hair and makeup while **Marivic Restituto Amor** will choreograph and direct the whole affair.

The debutante will wear a deep purple and old rose princess-cut shantung gown with criss-cross draping chiffon bodice, designed and executed by couturier **Eddie Baddeo**.

Milestones

We're accepting announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and other related information. Readers can send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple to the INQUIRER office, or P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City, or e-mail pr_lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.

LUISTRO-BABON

Aldrin Luistro, son of **Virgilio** and **Aurora Luistro**, will wed **Florentina Babon**, daughter of **Francisco** and **Soledad Babon**, on Oct. 25, at the San Agustin Church. Reception will follow at Casa Blanca, Intramuros, Manila.

SINGSON-ISAGUIRRE

Gereon Alphonse Singson, son of Ilocos Sur 2nd district Councilor **Alfonso** and **Emelita Singson**, will marry lawyer **Faye Isaguirre**, daughter of **Mary Agnes Barreras vda. de Isaguirre** on Oct. 25 at Mary the Queen Parish, Greenhills, San Juan. Reception will follow at Hotel Rembrandt Ballroom. **Eric Maningat** will do the bride's hair and makeup. On-Call Chorale headed by Dr. **Dennis Flores** will serenade the couple. Events Enterprises of **Jenny Garcia** will coordinate the affair.

The bride will wear a duchess satin princess-cut empire gown in tulle bodice embellished with caviar beads and a cathedral train, designed and executed by couturier **Eddie Baddeo** who also did the rest of the bridal ensemble in olive green motif.

LAVOIE-DE GUZMAN

Stephen Roland Lavoie, son of **Roland Lavoie** and **Pauline Kean** of USA, will exchange marital vows with **Evangeline "Gigi" de Guzman**, youngest daughter of **Irene de Guzman**, on Oct. 20, 4 p.m. at Sanctuario de San Jose, Greenhills, San Juan. Reception will follow at Garden Ballroom Shangri-La Edsa, Mandaluyong City. The bridal and entourage's gowns were designed and created by **Paul Rex Mateo** of The Wedding Day, Makati City branch.

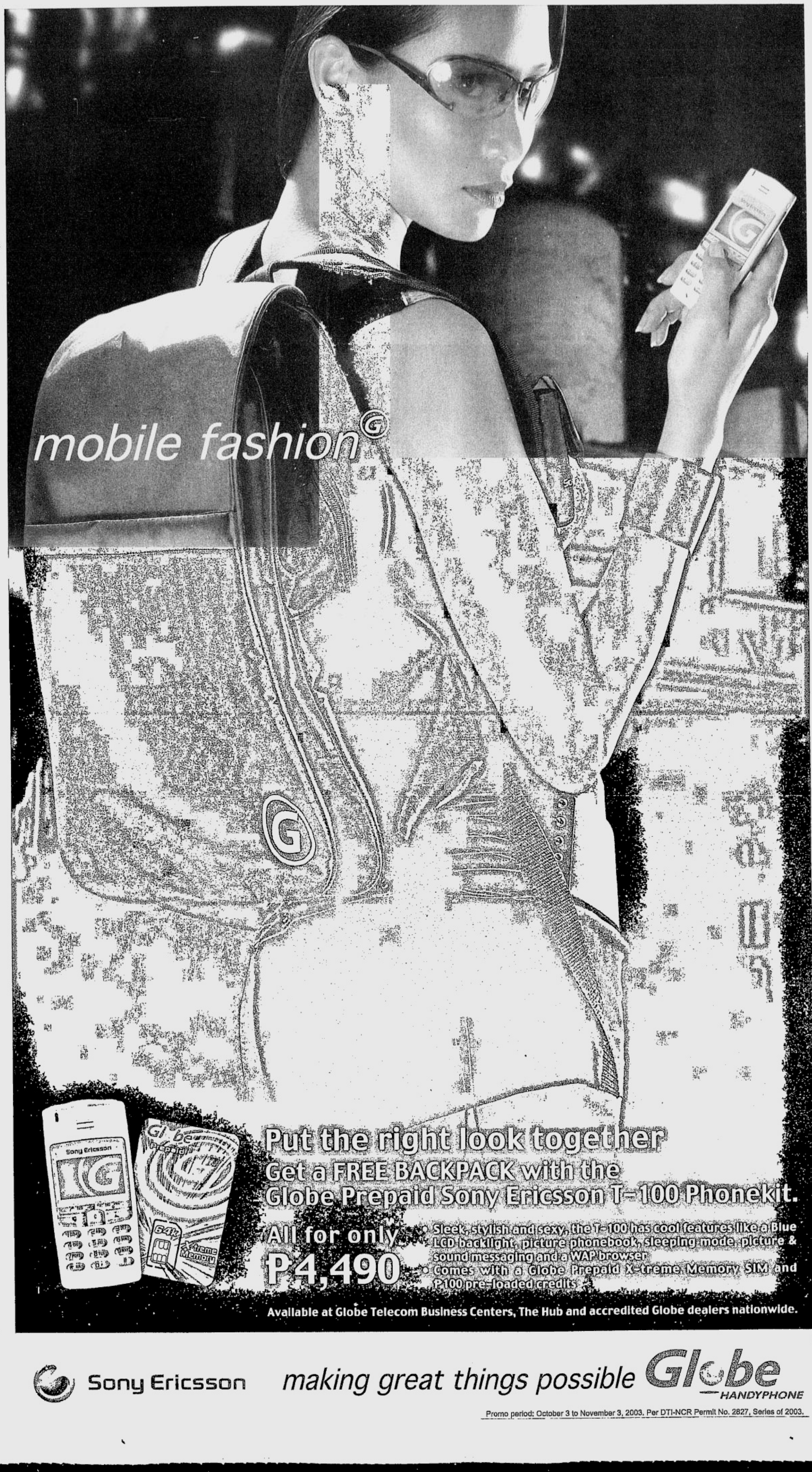
TAN-LIMBO

Rical Galeon Tan, son of **Alice Galeon vda. de Tan**, will marry **Liezel Quiñones Limbo**, daughter of **Marife Quiñones Akilit**, at San Agustin Metropolitan Cathedral on Oct. 25. Reception will follow at The Grand Imperial Ballroom, Dynasty Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.

The bridal gown has two dramatic parts in princess cut. Gown "A" will be used in the church as the overlap with open frontal and long train, and chest pleats. Gown "B," on the other hand, shows an intricate beadwork piece with heavy chemical lace accentuated with Swarovski crystal, dew beads and cut-bead to be displayed in the reception. **Chrys Abadiano** is the gown designer and makeup artist.

ONA-MILLAR

Joseph Sherwin Ona and **Baby Lyn Millar** will exchange wedding vows on Oct. 25 at San Sebastian Church in Manila, followed by a reception at the Grand Ballroom of Manila Diamond Hotel. Sherwin is the first-born son of **Guillermo** and **Carmencita Ona**, and is currently an assistant professor at the College of Computer Studies, DLSU. Babes, daughter of **Federico** and **Erlinda Millar**, has been working with the Manila Diamond Hotel for the last seven years and is currently an account manager for corporate sales.



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Sunday LIFESTYLE

BEAUTY queen-TV host Charlene Gonzalez stirs colorful Quiapo even more as she hits the sidewalks to sample the streets' culinary delights. Here, she tries the *tokneneng*.

Fearless Charlene savors Pinoy street food

What outsiders may find downright disgusting; Pinoys actually relish

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Johnny Villena

FILIPINOS who have watched "Fear Factor" shrug and say, "What wimps!" whenever the American television show's contestants find feasting on the entrails and bowels and eyeballs and testicles of critters and strange fungi unspeakably appalling.

The truth is, many of us Pinoys actually delight in what others may find disgusting. Little wonder our lowly *balut* made it to one episode!

In fact, many of the stuff that challenge "Fear" contestants are being peddled every day in Metro Manila and other parts of the country. Street food is deeply ingrained in the Filipino culture, which values food so much it wants practically nothing to go to waste. What others would immediately throw into the waste bin, we Filipinos salvage and turn into a delicacy.

So it was with some interest that Lifestyle went behind the scenes as "Charlene's Feel at Home" scoured the metropolis for *taho*, *isaw*, *tokneneng* and *lugaw* .

The ABS-CBN lifestyle show is paying tribute to the evolution of Pinoy street food in the last 50 years to commemorate the network's 50th year this month.

Getting 'dirty'

We caught up with the ABS-CBN team at the Globe Lumpia House on Raon Street in Quiapo. The place, which has grown from a humble street venture into a 47-year-old institution, was already swarming with kibitzers. That was their third set up for the day. They began in a dirty ice cream factory on Isarog, QC.

"I learned it was labeled 'dirty' only because it used to be made by hand," said show host Charlene Gonzalez. "Now, everything's done with a machine." No, she wouldn't mind making her twin kids try some.

She liked the challenge, the former beauty queen laughingly said, recalling how she was made to push a *sorbetes* cart and even carried heavy vats of *taho* on her shoulder.

But that would seem to be a walk in the park compared to what the US-bred Gonzalez had to do next—eat *tokneneng*, *penoy* coated with an orange-colored dough, fried and dipped in spiced vinegar.

The vendor, Rosa Tan, has been peddling *tokneneng* on the corner of Raon and Quezon Boulevard for the past 19 years. She proudly said she was able to put her four children through school from her meager earnings.

"It tastes okay," was Gonzalez's verdict. "I just don't like *kwek-kwek* because it has *balut*. Aga (Muhlach, her husband) and I are fond of birds so I can't bear to eat it." But, when it came to other food, she and her husband were adventurous, she said.

The statuesque Gonzalez, casually chic in Seven Jeans, bright red Bebe top and white Pumas, stuck out like a sore thumb amid rundown edifices, bootleg DVDs and rowdy fans on R. Hidalgo in Quiapo. But she looked unmindful of the stench and grime surrounding her, gamely posing for pictures, waving at fans practically hanging from building windows. "It's my way of reaching out," she said. "They're nice *naman*, *eh*."

With gusto, she dug into a bowl of *goto* at a *carinderia* while a slew of Quiapo characters

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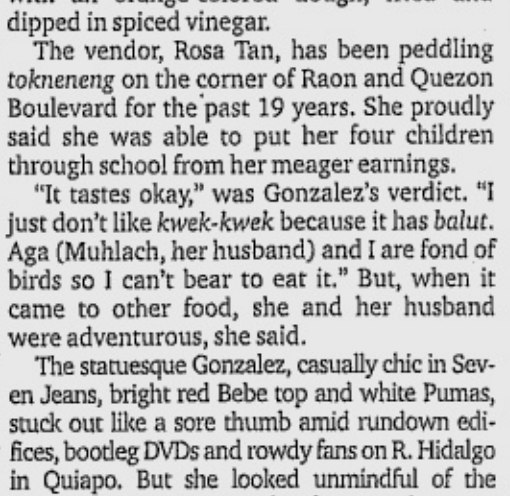
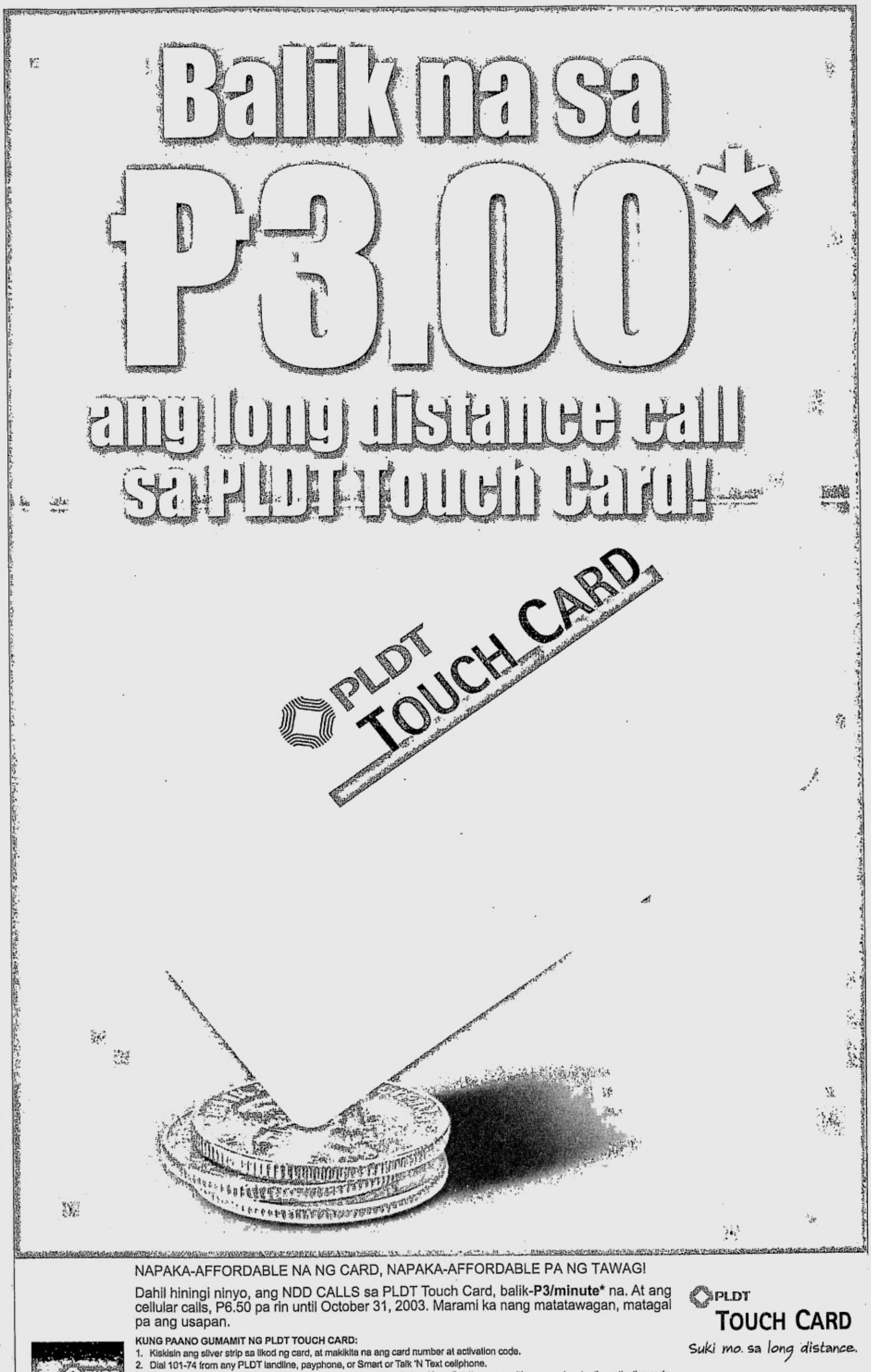


TOKNENENG, made of undeveloped duck egg (penoy) and orange-colored dough, has supported the family of vendor Rosa Tan (right) for 19 years.



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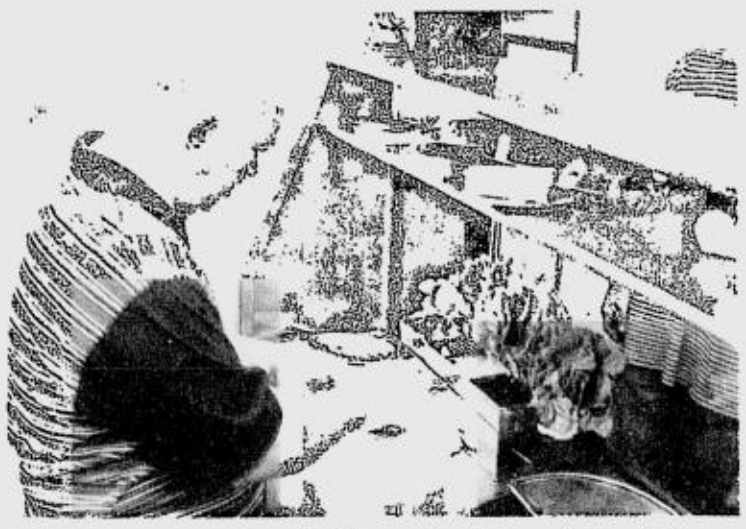
GONZALEZ feels at home in Aling Pising's 20-year-old *lugawan* at the corner of Bautista and R. Hidalgo Streets in Quiapo, a favorite hangout of jeepney drivers in the area.

SQUEEZING a *calamansi* into her bowl of goto (above) and surveying her surroundings (below)

Fearless Charlene savors Pinoy street food

A *BALUT* vendor pushes the cart containing his wares. Lugging a *balut* basket is passé, he says, *"Mabigat na, eh."*

WITH REYNALDO Lantin, owner of Globe Lumpia House (740 Raon St., Manila)



LANTIN demontrates how the 47-year favorite is made. Lantin's best-selling *lumpia* sells at an amazing P16 apiece.

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shamelessly ogled. Oblivious to health concerns, the leggy beauty said, "It's like winning the lottery. If you're meant to get it (hepatitis), you're going to get it. And it's not only from [eating street food]."

She marveled that for a couple of loose change, one could have a filling meal. "It's cheap and it tastes good!"

The show was scheduled to tape Gonzalez having her fill of *tusok-tusok* food (fishball, squidballs, *isaw*) in the vicinity of ABS-CBN the following day. "I like *taho*. But of those that I have tried, my favorite is scramble," she laughed. "It's like shake *pala*!"

Head writer Romer Gonzales said the episode would also feature tips on starting a street food business.

"'Feel at Home' is meant to offer practical guides to everyday living," explained the show's host. "We want to reach more people." Gonzalez has been hosting the weekly show for over a year "and everyday is a learning experience for me."

Would she go out and try street food again? "Sure, why not?" she replied enthusiastically.

Now that's typical Pinoy appetite talking.

Directed by Jillmer Dy, "50 Years of Street Food" on "Charlene's Feel at Home" airs 10:30-11:30 a.m. today on ABS-CBN.

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BITING into a piece of *tokneneng* —with no fear.

CMMA 25

25 years of Philippine Media through the eyes of the Catholic Mass Media Awards

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AWARDS ARE NOT usually a profitable exercise for ad agencies. But they are important.

Awards are a way of giving us the recognition we crave, even if the headlines of momentary celebrity wears off all too soon. Assuming the ensuing coverage draws public attention to our industry, it is likely to enhance the glitzy side of advertising, rather than deepen appreciation for what goes on beyond the fashionable reception lounges of agency offices.

Amazingly, advertising is a business that has managed to thrive amidst so much pressure, but with increasing difficulty.

Already strapped by the traditional 15% commission scheme, agencies have nevertheless been expected to deliver greater efficiencies each year against relatively flat media budgets. This, despite the fact that in order to help clients compete in an increasingly cluttered environment, we must invest heavily in fresh talent, new tools, more insightful research and training, as well as become adept with new technologies.

How can we partner in business-building with our clients if we can't manage our own business effectively?

If we are to be wellsprings of creativity, and if creativity is the currency of today, then it is time we used ours to come up with new ways of being remunerated justly. For unless we can turn a fair profit, agencies cannot deliver beyond the common and the mundane.

Awards give us the chance to air issues that matter, but which are tread upon too softly and too sparingly. Awards at least allow us to profit from honest discussions.

And we must seize these occasions to make our point. Yes, at the end of the day, an agency that can transform an accolade into an interesting dialogue is surely worth the fee it charges.

- Emily Abrera, chair, McCann Erickson-Phil.

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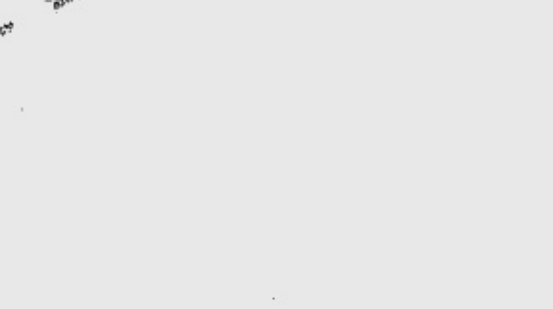

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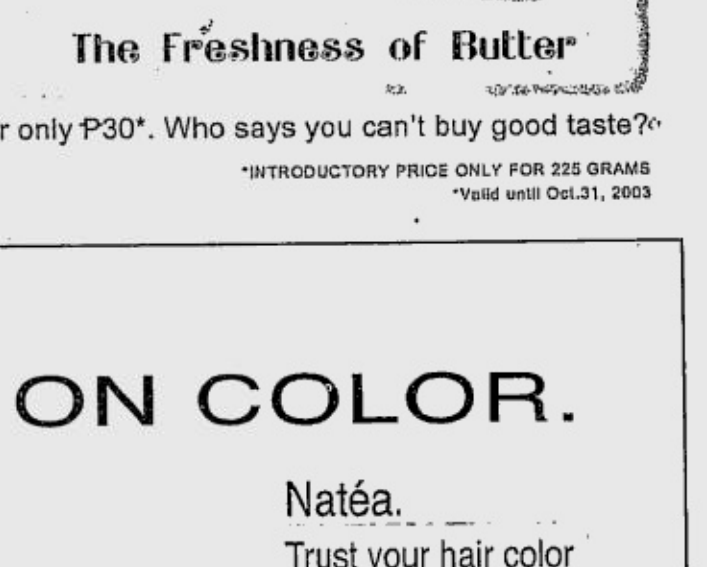

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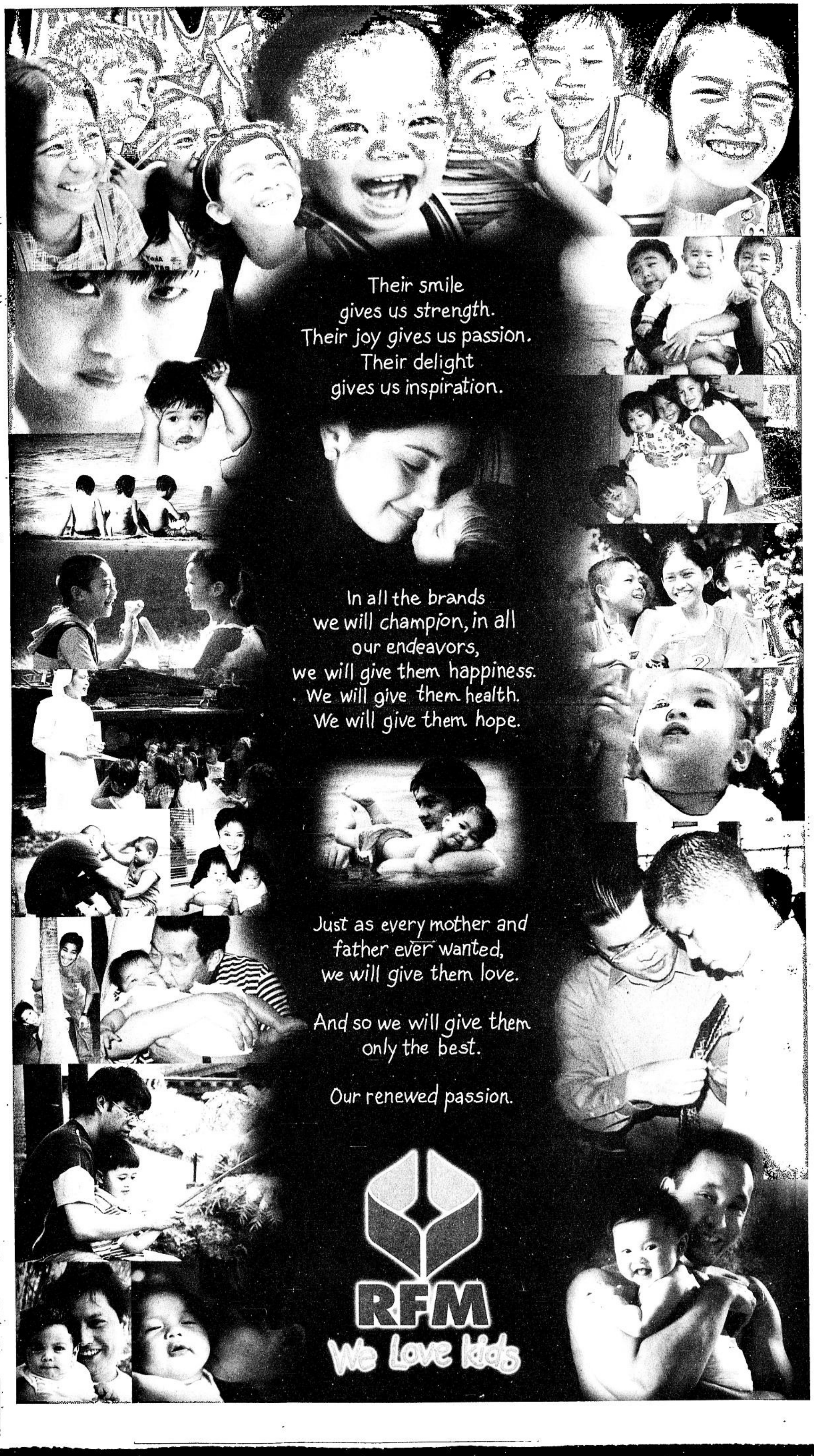
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Sunday LIFESTYLE

GARY V LIVE! with Juan Miguel Salvador and Marissa Buñag of the Rage Band in a super show at Dish

How to raise funds for your alma mater in style

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

THESE past months, I have been exposed to the whole new world of fund-raising.

Everyone is, of course, familiar with the friend who appears like an Abu Sayyaf ambush armed with a solicitation letter, or worse, the former classmate. who calls out of the blue, harassing you with a raffle ticket whose grand prize is a 14" black-and-white TV, a special from 680's warehouse of unsold appliances from the '60s.

Downright hard-sell and the "Pity us" pitch are classic sales strategies to help fund any project. This tough world of sharing with the needy is not as easy as I thought.

On the other hand, it does bring out the Good Samaritan in a lot of my friends, especially when I use the spiritual angle ("God will bless and reward you in heaven").

Thinking my first venture into fund-raising would just be a walk in the park, I gathered as many high-school classmates as I could still contact so we could spearhead our first project for Assumption HS Batch '81. I was pretty sure we could raise millions by selling Girl Scout cookies, notwithstanding the fact that none of us were ever Girl Scouts or knew where to get cookies.

HOW/ I2

More credits

In the special section on the 7 Deadly Sins by guest photographer Jun de Leon (PDI, Oct.5, 2003) we committed the deadly sin of omission. Our apologies. The following acknowledgements should have appeared:

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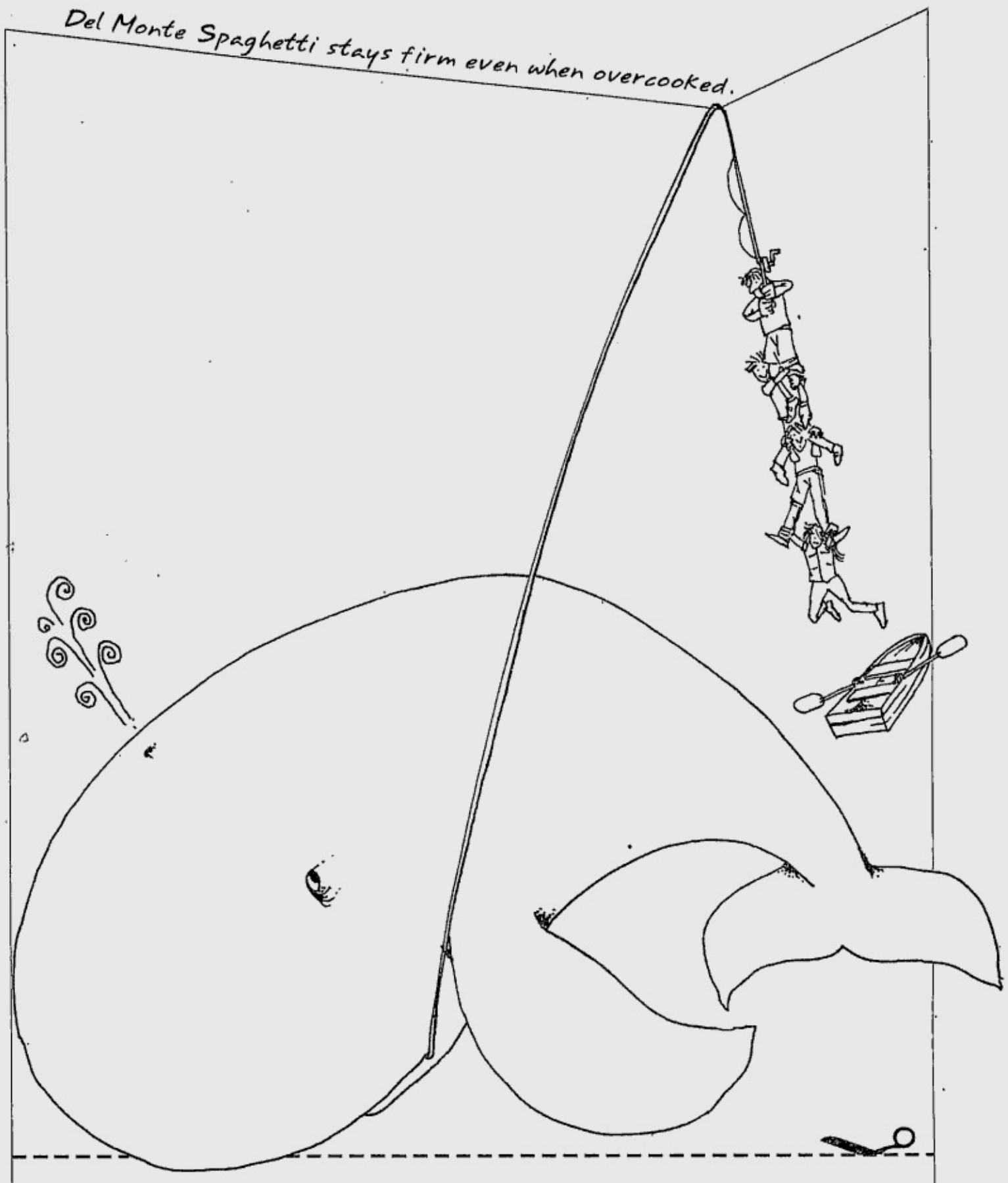
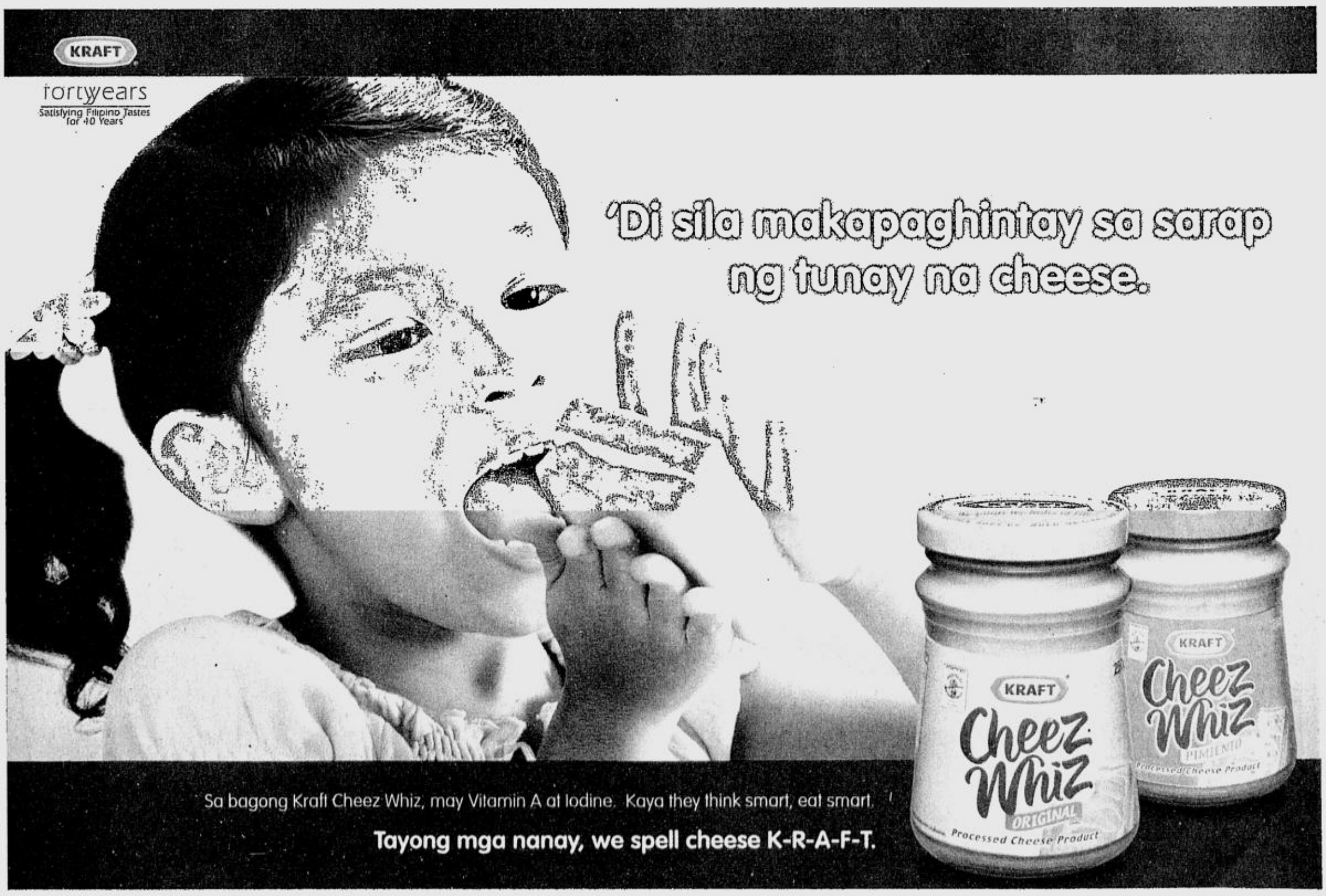




THIS is Section 7 now—the class that raised the most in dollars from classmates in the States. Thank God for our "OCWs!"

THE DISCO chicks of Section 2. Meg Soriano, in white and killer platform shoes, won Best in Costume.

SECTION 3 strikes a pose. Dianne Pardo Aguilar, in black-and-white psychedelic print, arranged the sponsor prizes.

GLAM photo of Ongsiako (cente each other as se

How to raise funds for your alma mater in

From page I1

Normally a fund-raiser is more along the line of my mom, INQUIRER chair **Marixi Prieto**, or my sister, INQUIRER president **Sandy Romualdez**. I usually just come into the picture on the actual event, wearing an outrageous costume and mingling with the donors and sponsors.

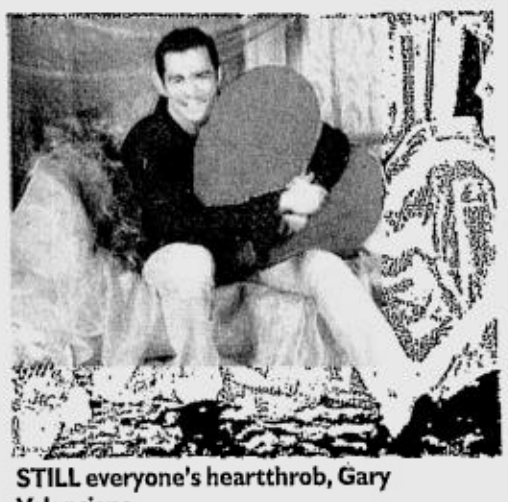
This time around, our batch decided to start three years early so there would be less pressure and more funds could be donated to the Assumption Mission Schools. Also, batch reunions are a great way to compare how each of us has aged, especially since many of us haven't seen each other in almost 10 years, except for a handful who have kept in touch.

Our batch is actually a product of a combination of different Assumption School locations, from Herran (now obliterated by a gigantic Robinsons Mall) to Antipolo (grade school) and San Lorenzo (high school). Ours was a time when disco ruled, though punk rock was already at its budding stage. **Sampaguita** was the Queen of Pinoy Rock-and-Roll while **Gary Valenciano** was the artist to watch, having just graduated from Kundirana.

So, when we were brain-storming on the type of event to host, we thought of the Rage Band, since they perform '80s music so well. We also invited both Sampaguita and Gary V as special guests.

More important, both these fabulous artists are dear friends, so I could ask them to share their time and talent for a good cause. God is truly gracious and granted me my wish, as both performed to an audience of more than 600 at Dish in Power Plant, Rockwell.

The event started with a slew of awards to reward our batchmates. The Earliest Batchmate Award went to **Lisa Fernandez**. She was so early, we were still setting up the psychedelic backdrop for the Picture Company's photo session.



STILL everyone's heartthrob, Gary Valenciano

I should have gotten the award for Some Things Never Change for being constantly late all these years. (I mastered the 3x tardy=1 absent rule throughout high school.) But on the looks aspect, I think I have reinvented myself from a totally shy nerd to the outlandish Sea Princess.

Still another award was the Heroic Mom Award, for the one with the most kids. That was very appropriate for my close friend **Jojo Reyes Ongsiako**, who has four kids, but more "heroic," for being married to the same guy, **Neneto**, for more than 20 years. She got married straight out of high school and has managed to defy all speculation that her marriage would not last.

THE FUNKY Section 4. Claudette Cordon (front, right) brought in Duty Free Phils. as our major sponsor.

HUSBANDS present too. Bingbing Javelosa Ongsiako, Sea Princess, Joey and Rossette Benedicto with Dennis Valdes

On the opposite side of the spectrum, I would have added the Most Energetic Wife Award for the one with the most husbands, but this was scrapped because some of my more Catholic-to-the-core classmates might freak out.

After thanking our major sponsor, Duty Free Philippines, and our countless minor sponsors (Thank you very much!) like Brittany, and of course, Urban Spa, the Rage Band got the crowd into high energy with their nonstop '80s dance music. We knew all the songs by heart and were transported back in time. I just fell in love with Madonna version 1.0 all over again.

When **Cowboy Santos**, son of Sampaguita, came on stage and sang with his mom, I heard a lot of girls swoon over this gorgeous-looking guy. Aside from his killer smile, he could rock. Music is in their blood and they both have that rock-and-roll spirit in them.

Sampaguita is a legend. No one has come close to her style of singing—an original indeed.

Gary V then came on stage and jammed with the band soon after and got the whole crowd almost dancing on the tables. He shared an "Assumption" story and continued singing. He even asked **Juan Miguel Salvador** of Rage if he could go back on stage to sing again.

What a guy! I could not thank him and his wife, **Angeli**, enough for making this event so memorable and so successful. Tickets were sold out, thanks to his drawing power, and also to the push of **Liaa Cojuangco Bautista**, who sold the most tickets.

We could not get enough of Gary V that night. So, we are all set to watch his concert, "Gary V XXtreme," on Nov. 28 and 29 at the Araneta Coliseum. I will surely put on my dancing shoes and matching wig.

Too bad I can't make it to Hong Kong on Nov. 2 where he will perform in the Hong Kong Music Festival with other world-class artists like Santana, Michelle Branch, Prince, Westlife, etc.

The evening ended with a raffle and another award—to the winners of the Best in Psychedelic Costume. What's a party without costumes, I always say. And I made sure these winners got top prizes indeed.

One-hundred dollars shopping money in Duty Free was just too tempting to pass, but since I was one of the organizers, I had to waive it. Too bad because my **Kate Torralba** funky jumpsuit was so "Austin Powers," perfect for the night.

The success of this event was due to the col-

THE SECTION 6 charmers. T attendees that night and won ticket.

THE PRINCE and queen of ro and roll, Cowboy Santos and Sampaguita

MARA Villasor Oledan with hubby Gabby enjoying the night

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43 North Carolina cape
47 Schubert's "— Maria"
48 Ripped
49 Pupil's place
50 Latin dance
52 Kathy of "About Schmidt"
55 A shape to stop traffic
58 Family member
60 Cal. page
62 Robert of "Cloak and Dagger"
63 80 Across flower
66 Sissy of "In the Bedroom"
69 Digs in
71 Distinctive period
72 Vaudeville bit
73 Calculating person?
74 Squealing actor?
77 When Pierre perspires
78 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
80 Hawaiian wreath
81 Clockmaker Thomas
82 Compensation
85 Wallet
87 AAA offerings
89 Drink like a dachshund
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94 Furniture wood
98 Risk a ticket
100 Plant disease
101 Reveal
103 Christie or Costello
104 Needy
106 Squealing composer?
109 Spree
111 Pound sound
112 Archaic ending
114 Hydrotherapy site
115 Merkel or O'Connor
116 Mascagni masterpiece
118 Conrad's "— of Darkness"
122 Pulsate
126 Yearning
128 Squealing physicist?
131 Respond
132 List entry
133 Fairy-tale fiend
134 On the briny
135 Bar seat
136 Postcard message
137 Meter reader?
138 "— of the Cat" ('77 hit)

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4 Verdi hero
5 School grp.
6 Debtors' letters
7 Mosaic bit
8 Besides
9 Salutes the moon?
10 Likely
11 Common possessive
12 Overlay material
13 Green house?
14 Make cheddar better
15 Squealing tennis player?
16 One of the Fords
17 Authority
21 Makes bisque
23 Punxsutawney —
24 Expel
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34 Lieutenant Kojak
37 Arrest
38 Bartok or Gabor
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40 Half a sob
41 Marineland performer
42 95 Down feature
44 Writer Rand
45 Rampur royalty
46 Out of kilter
51 Sharpness
53 Author LeShan
54 Wine word
56 All in — work
57 Collects
59 Punta del —
61 Rostropovich's Instrument
63 Border
64 Nest eggs
65 Trite
66 Divvies up
67 Squealing artist?
68 Film critic Pauline
70 — voce
73 Taxis
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76 "In the —" ('69 hit)
79 Green Mountain Boys leader
83 Research site
84 "Tarzan" extra
86 Nourish
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91 Actor Chaney
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96 Runner Sebastian
97 "Ben- —"
99 Seat cover?
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105 SAT's big brother
106 "The Way of Love" singer
107 Goes (for)
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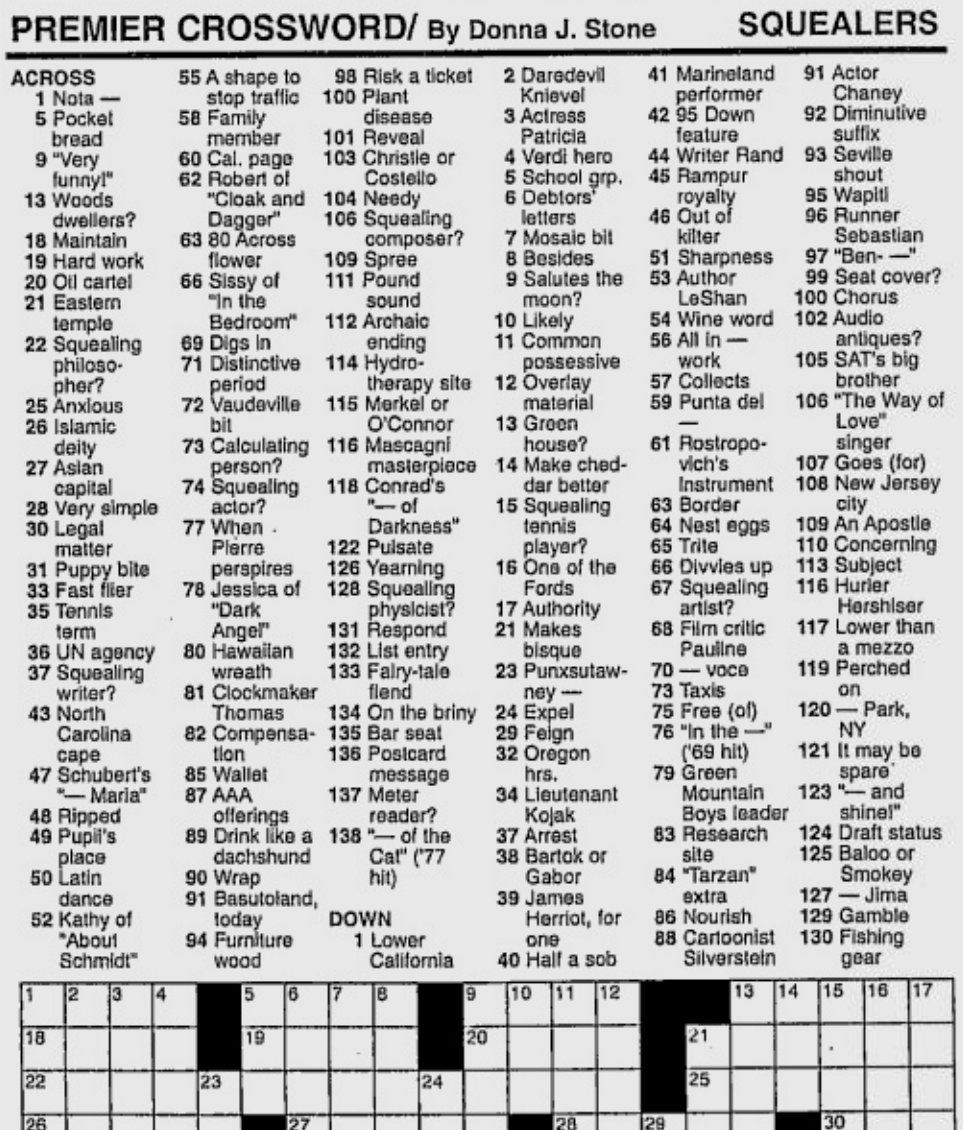

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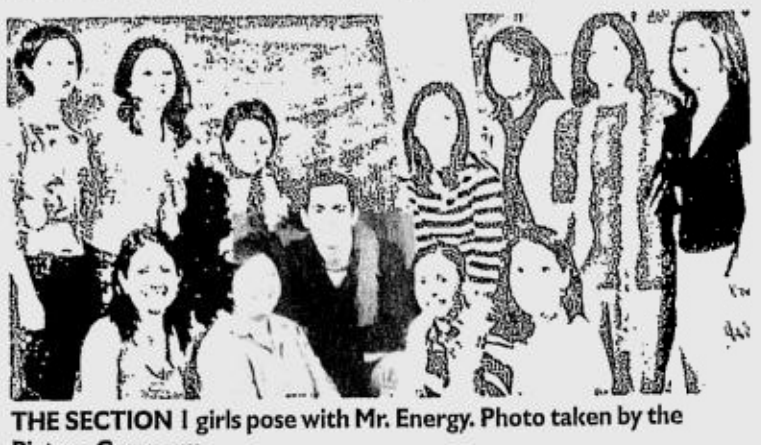
Section 5. Bingbing Javelosa r) kept us all in touch with cretary and e-mail host.

style

BOA feathers and a star! Assumption girls having fun 20 years later

BATCH '81's pride, Christine Carlos

THE CROWD goes wild and jumps for joy as Gary V takes to the stage. Brittany fans were given away to cool down hyperventilating guests.



THE SECTION I girls pose with Mr. Energy. Photo taken by the Picture Company

his class had the most the business class raffle

THE WELCOMING committee: Marina Francisco Sarao, Girlie Guzman Sison, Nana Eusebio Sham, Pia Lopez Lorenzo, Liaa Cojuangco Bautista, Carmela Puyat Cruz and Janine Cuenca Dario

DISH boss and Rage band manager EJ Litton with The Picture Company's Marivic H. Juan

ROCKIN' classmates: Carmela Puyat Cruz, Popsie Gamboa, singer Christine Carlos, Liza Fernandez, Jojo Reyes Ongsiako, Connie Quirino Cuneta and Macky Sibug del Rosario

laboration of my high-school classmates. Our batch set a record for size—a high of seven sections. This made delegating and coercing work out of the multitudes not too difficult.

We had committee heads for everything, from finance, **Girlie Guzman Sison**; soliciting, **Dianne Pardo Aguilar**; entertainment, **Janine Cuenca Dario**; food, **Popsie Gamboa**; raffle, **Ona Lopez Chung**; and soliciting (again), one per section.

Yes, many soliciting heads! This is a good tip to all you fund-raisers out there. More heads since solicitation is the most difficult task.

Now that I am more familiar with the ropes of fund-raising, I have also participated in the upcoming event of the Bantay Bata 163 in December. But those are with the bigwigs in the charity world like **Gina Lopez**, so I just join the meetings for the great food and company. Of course, I also share my two cents worth of advice. Watch out for this event!

In closing, let me just relate briefly how God sends us signs to value our short life here on earth. We really need to appreciate each day by living it to the fullest.

Ten years ago, my brother **Louie** passed away in a motorcycle accident. A week ago, the best friend of my son Bryan also passed away, in a car accident this time. **Luigi Lagdameo** was only 18 years old. These two short lives that ended in such tragedy really touched me.

Ironically, at Luigi's wake in San Antonio Parish, I noted that the other wake in the adjoining chapel was for a 103-year old person. How strange that some lives are so short and others so long.

As written in the book "The Purpose Driven Life," we would all be wiser if we lived each day as if it were the last day of our lives.

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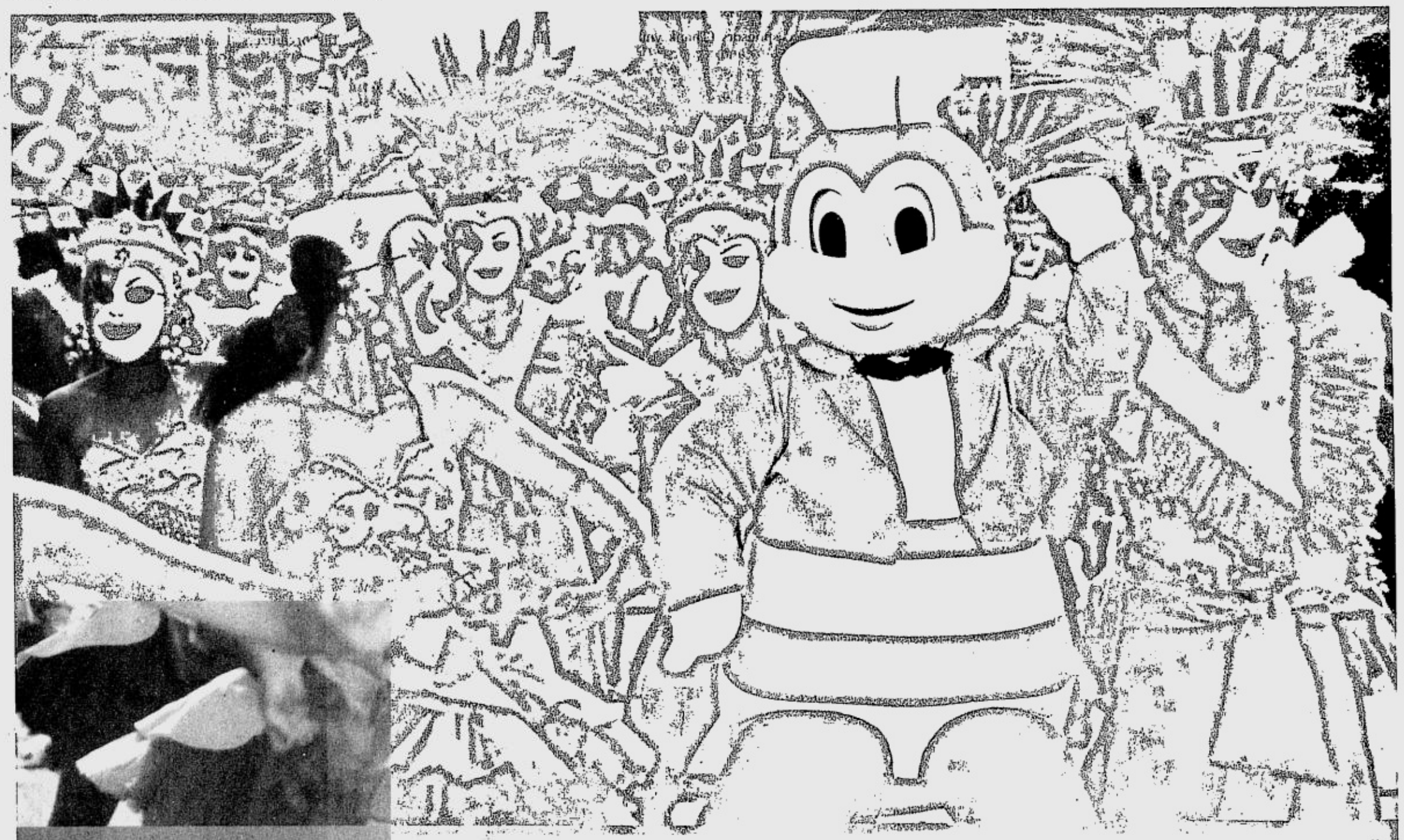
GUESTS at Dish. Reg Regalado, Jay Cu-Unjieng, Andrew Gan, Anne Marie and Loy Saguil



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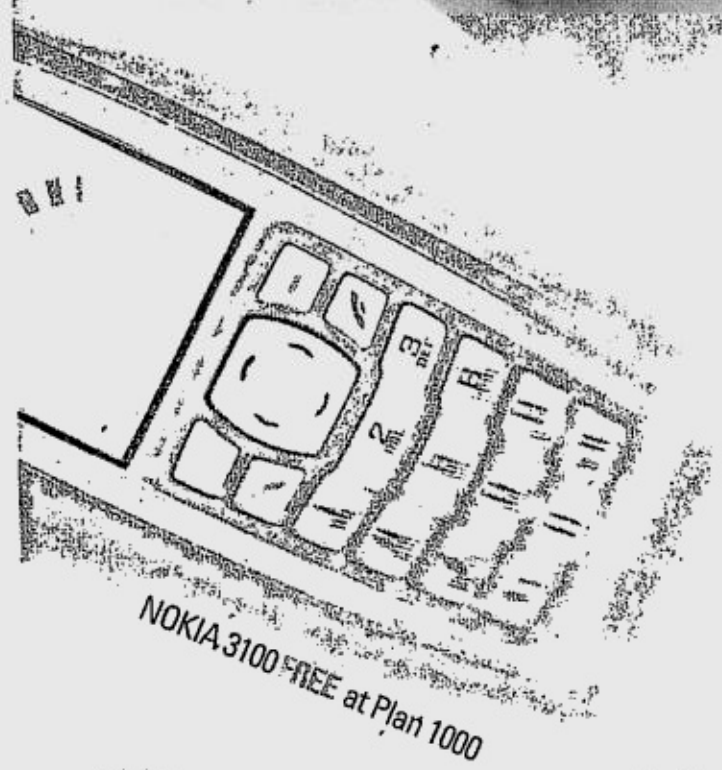

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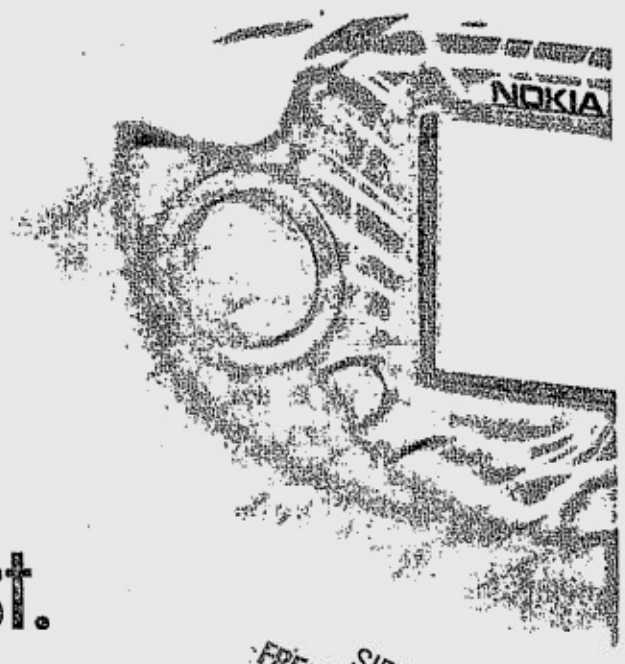

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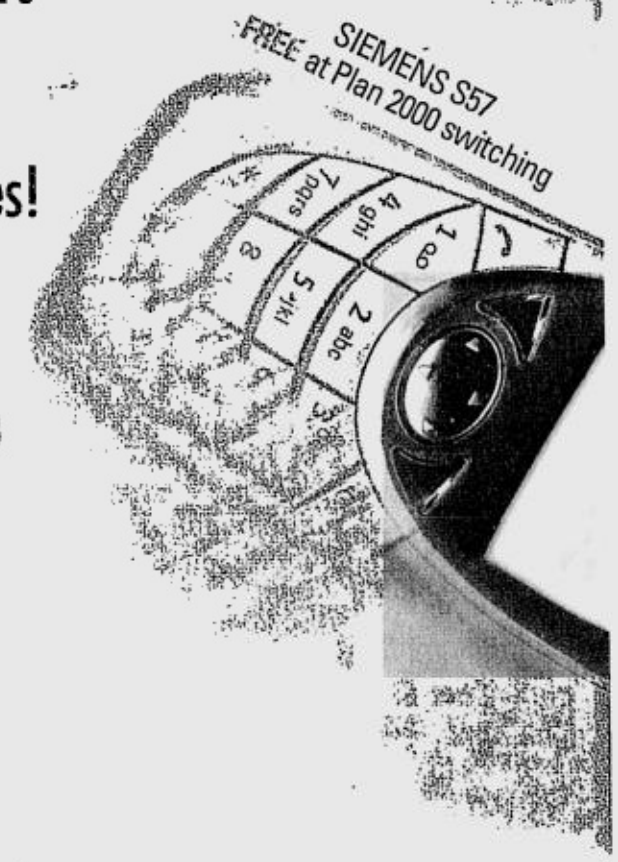

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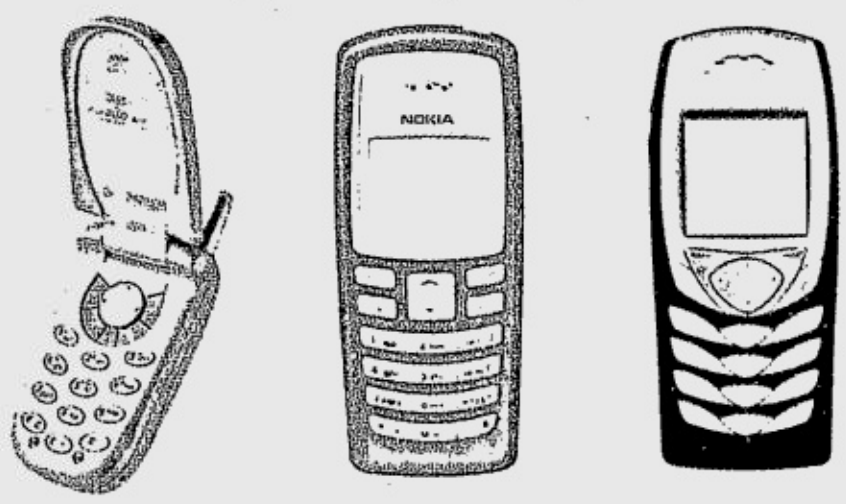

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Nokia 6100	22,990	17,000	11,500	1,500	FREE	FREE	17,000	11,500	1,500	FREE	FREE
Sony Ericsson T100	4,490	500	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
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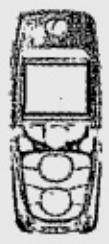

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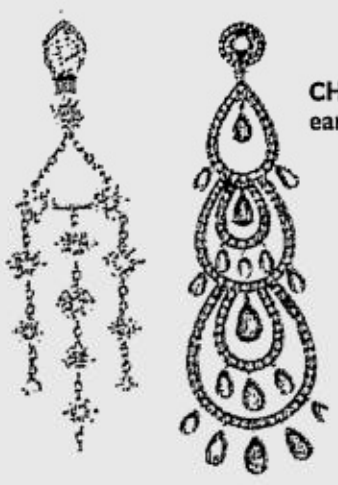
Sunday LIFESTYLE

TOY chair designed by Studio Campana

Gretchen's blinding bling-blings and yearend's hottest accessories



CHANDELIER earrings

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

MUST-GO-TO restaurant—Prince of Jaipur. I have never liked Indian food, so it was such a welcome surprise for me to eat at Prince of Jaipur.

Located at The Fort, near Le Soufflé, this two-story edifice is a bastion of great food (from tandoori to curry) and ambience. Still on its soft opening, the place is always packed with Manila's discriminating clientele.

I have actually eaten there three times, but can't wait to go back. I will admit that I can't eat Indian food every day, but for sure you will like the food at Prince of Jaipur (tel. 8841692 to 96). If you are looking for a new restaurant to try, here's the one.

Hot accessories for last quarter of the year—Can you believe that we only have two more months before 2003 is over? So here's a trend update of the hot accessories as the year ends.

Handbag: The trends focus on texture and pattern. Hot ticket items are croc/alligator skin in rich autumn tones (olive, rust, chocolate) and brights (red, violet and royal blue). Also hot is pony skin.

Jewelry: Chandelier earrings are on top of the list as well as cuffs, and large, richly colored rings.

Shoes: Square-toed, mod slingbacks, disco sandals and '80s pumps are all the rage.

Other accessories: Tights (fishnet, opaque or pattened) and fedoras

Must-have-look for men—Homage to Alain Delon. I have always been curious about this look because I love its sophistication and its grown-up elegance. This year Tom Ford for YSL pays homage to French actor Alain Delon by showing narrow-waisted, bootleg trousers, elegant shirts and the all-important silk cravats. Would you wear it?

Hot furniture—Banquette chair made of toys. Brazilian brothers Fernando and Humberto Campana of Studio Campana created this toy chair which is garnering more editorial space than any Philippe Starck product for the year. The design is unique, using discarded toys as cushioning. Their other designs have always been unconventional, using materials such as bamboo rope, solidified gas, etc. This piece of furniture is a perfect conversation piece, not to mention a great toy for toddlers. But kids can never take the stuffed toys with them!

People are talking about... Here's a new TNT section on what people are talking about or will be talking about in the last/coming week.

Gretchen's rocks. Last Sunday I received so many phone calls to watch "The Buzz." Unfortunately I was working and I missed it. But according to my friends, Gretchen's pair of bling-blings dazzled, nay blinded, most viewers. Were they 15 karats each? Like Kris Aquino whom she has replaced on the show, Gretchen is always on everyone's radar. Her every movement, her clothes and life are well tracked by people from all sectors of society.

TOM Ford for YSL reinvents the Alain Delon look

The Red Cross Ball. As the social calendar heats up, one of the most highly anticipated events is the Red Cross Ball. This year, the Red Cross has teamed up with Bulgari, and the buzz is that it will be one of the grandest and glitziest of balls. It will be held at the Makati Shangri-La on Oct. 25.

Of course, the event is not just for show; it aims to increase awareness on blood donation and raise much-needed funds for the Red Cross.

CROC handbag

Adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Check out the latest US Vogue (October 2003) issue with Gwyneth Paltrow on the cover. There is an article there on adult ADHD. Symptoms? People who are always late, love to procrastinate, are not focused, overwhelmed with life, constantly lose things, love to do other things especially if under pressure from work, etc.

According to the report, at least eight million Americans suffer from ADHD, and although it may be treated, it affects daily life, leading to depression or heightened mood swings.

Louis Vuitton opens with a bang! In town last week were Louis Vuitton executives who are preparing for the grand launch of the boutique on Nov. 9 at the new Greenbelt 4. We know that this will be the place to be, and if you get an invite, you simply must go! I have been to several events organized by Louis Vuitton in Hong Kong, and these guys know how to throw a party.

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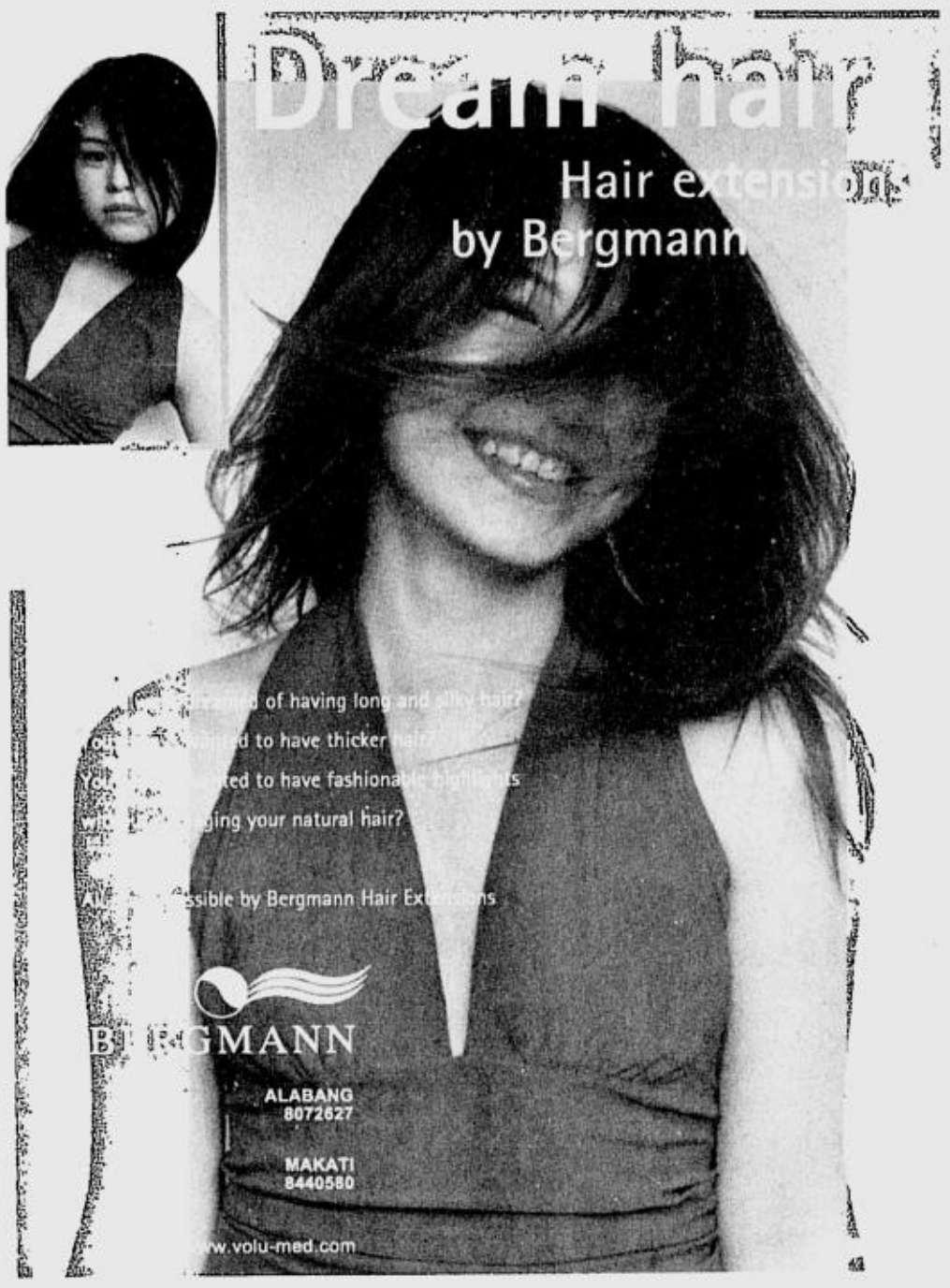
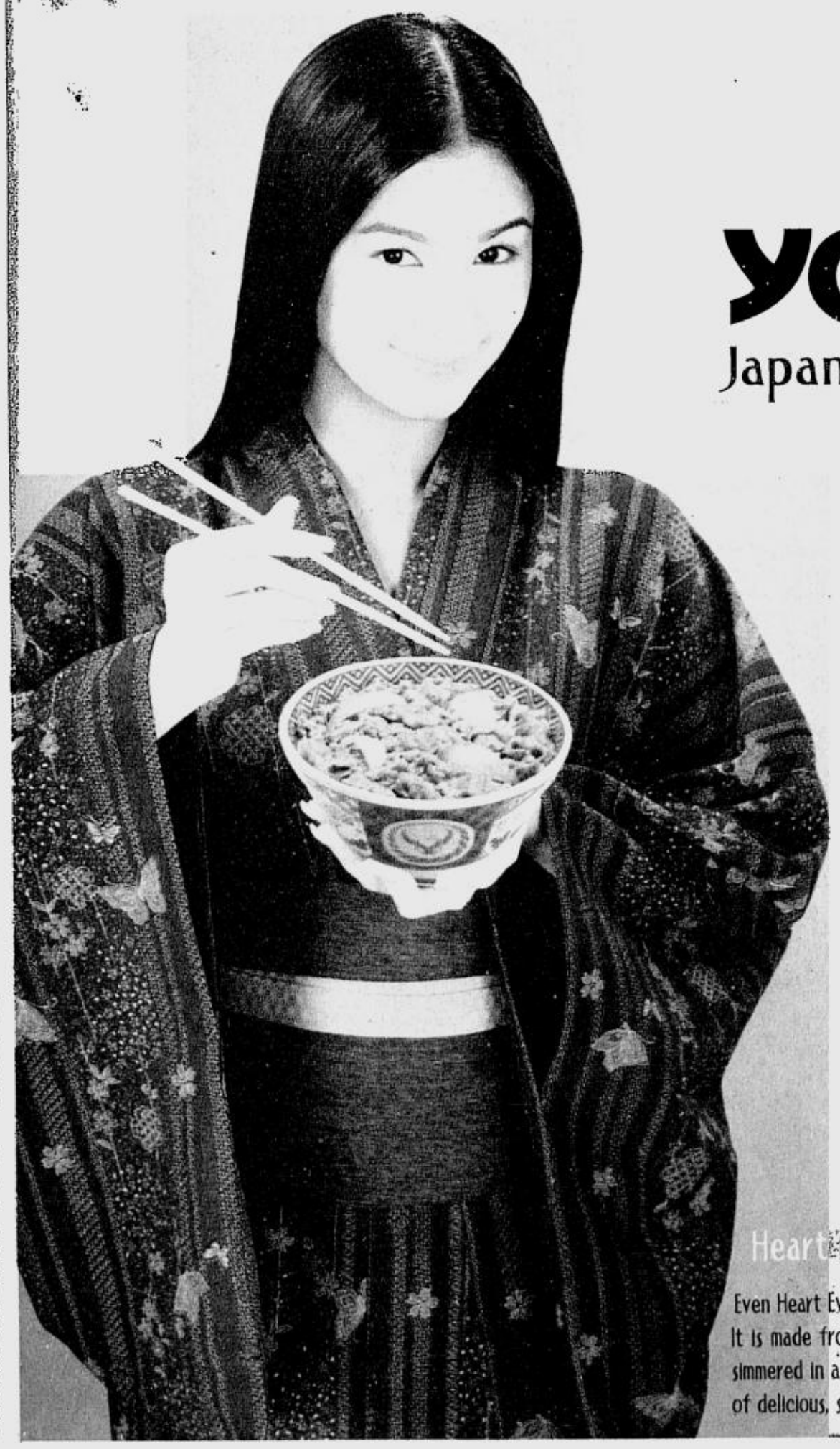




YOSHINOYA

Japan's No.1 Beef Bowl is here!

Heart Evangelista

Even Heart Evangelista can't get enough of the Yoshinoya Beef Bowl. It is made from a century old recipe of premium, thinly sliced beef simmered in a savory blend of herb and spices. And served on a bowl of delicious, steaming white rice for a very satisfying and filling meal.

TRAVEL

Editor Rosario A. Garcellano

Good-bye, Big Bird

THE CONCORDE at rest

By Raul J. Palabrica

LIFE is full of surprises. What I thought was an ordinary business meeting turned out to be an opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime experience of riding the world's reputed "sexiest passenger plane," the Concorde.

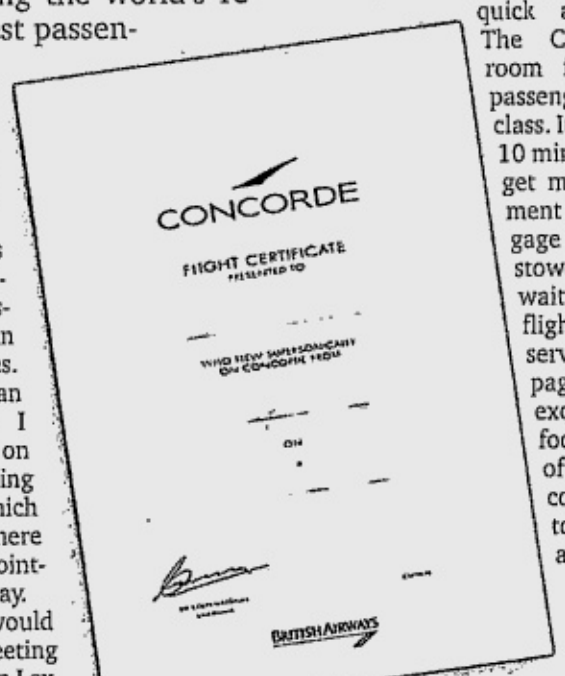
I went to Munich in September 1996 to discuss with some German businessmen a project in the Philippines. Anticipating an easy meeting, I booked myself on an early-evening flight from Munich to New York, where I had an appointment the next day.

As luck would have it, the meeting took longer than I expected and I missed my flight. My embarrassed German hosts quickly booked me (at their expense!) on a late-night flight that would get me to London Heathrow Airport in time for the Concorde's last run for the day to New York.

From a distance, the Concorde looked like a giant albatross with wide open wings and a drooping beak. (The aircraft's needle-shaped nose moves downward or upward depending on the stage of its flight.)

Its passengers did not check in at Heathrow's main hallway, where other airline passengers fall in line with their baggage, but in an elegant lounge far from the hustle and bustle of airport activities.

The processing of passengers was quick and efficient. The Concorde had room for only 100 passengers, all first class. It took less than 10 minutes for me to get my seat assignment and my baggage tagged and stowed. While waiting for our flight, we were served champagne and exquisite finger food. The quality of service was commensurate to the cost of the airfare.



PROOF that one broke the sound barrier

Space constraints

When boarding was announced, a door at the side of the lounge opened to a passageway that led directly into the aircraft. Two rows of seats, 25 at each side, lined the cabin.

The center aisle was narrow, forcing the passengers to carry their bags in front of them while looking for their seats.

The gray-colored seats were cramped. They were not meant for passengers weighing more than 200 pounds. The space between seats was not user-friendly to six-footers.

The toilets had barely enough space for average-built passengers to do their thing without bumping their head on the ceiling or pushing their knees against the door.

The cabin did not have a movie screen in front of the seats, which is standard in most international airplanes. In its place was an oversized digital meter that measured the speed of the aircraft from take-off to landing and its altitude when airborne.

I learned that the cabin (which was nine feet and six inches wide) was built that way for aerodynamic purposes. The "thin and elongated" design allowed the aircraft to slice through the air faster and in more fuel-efficient manner. The delta-shaped wings would not serve their purpose if the fuselage were built along the lines of other jet-propelled airplanes.

From the arrangement of the interior, I got the impression that speed, not passenger comfort, was foremost in the minds of the engineers when they designed the aircraft.

Acceleration

The Concorde's take-off was smooth. Within minutes from the ringing of the bell that alerted the crew and passengers that it had been cleared to fly, the airplane was up in the air.

I felt a few bumps as it climbed to its cruising level between 50,000 and 60,000 feet.

As the Concorde left London and moved toward the open sea, the pilot announced that he would slowly put on power until its speed reached Mach 2, or twice the speed of sound, about 1,350 miles per hour.

> High above the clouds, it was quiet and peaceful. There was something eerie but exciting about looking at the world from high up while traveling at twice the speed of sound

(On land, sound travels at 741 miles per hour. Its speed varies depending on the medium in which it moves. The aircraft accelerates over water to prevent sonic booms, or rapid air movements caused by speeding objects, from causing damage to structures on the ground.)

The experience of breaking the sound barrier can be recorded for posterity by the passengers through the blank "Flight Certificate" that the airline puts inside its in-flight brochure. The certificate, which bears the printed signature of the British Airways chair, contains spaces for the passenger's name, the date of the flight, and the pilot's name.

Passengers may request a flight attendant to have their certificate filled up and signed by the captain after the meal service. Unfortunately, I was unable to have my certificate signed because I learned about this only when we were about to deplane.

I felt a slight "pull" when the Concorde passed Mach 1. As it flew faster, I smelled the odor of burning metal. It was as if the fuselage were being heated from the outside as the aircraft sped through the stratosphere. The window glass was warm to the touch.

Silence

High above the clouds, it was quiet and peaceful. No air pockets or turbulence, no lightning flashes or thunder claps to be scared of. (The Concorde's cruising level makes it immune from those disturbances.)

I was told that on a clear day, jumbo jets could be seen flying below the Concorde.

It was pitch dark that night, although I saw some small light rays flashing intermittently from somewhere. Except for the monotonous hum of the aircraft's engines and the occasional snore of sleeping passengers, the cabin was still. Only the dim cabin lights and digital record of the aircraft's speed and altitude remind-

GOOD-BYE/ J3

There's more to Macau than casinos

THE COLORFUL Leal Senado Square in the heart of the city

WE all have a secret place hidden in our mind or heart, whose memory we treasure like a jewel to be enjoyed from time to time.

"Jewel" is precisely how Ino Manalo, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, regards the city of Macau, which, he says, allows him "many moments of discovery and rediscovery."

"I'm very sentimental about Macau because it is the very first foreign country I ever went to on my own," he says. "As a child, I visited many foreign places, but always with my parents. But I went to Macau by myself."

He was then 16 or 17.

"The idiot-proof camera had not been invented yet, so I didn't take photographs," he recalls. "Instead, I had a sketch pad and I drew houses that I saw, like the Leal Senado (Municipal Council), the Post Office and old houses. I was there only two days, but I fell in love with the place. I have gone back many, many times, and each time I love it more."

Ino describes Macau as "a place that has the shock of the new, yet is strangely familiar."

"There's a whisper somewhere of something that's close to who we Filipinos are," he says.

Indeed, numerous are the ties between the Philippines and the former Portuguese colony, which has been a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China since it was "handed over" in December 1999.

There is, for one, the Iberian connection brought about by the friar orders. "Under Portugal, Macau had the Jesuits, the Dominicans, the Augustinians, just like we had under Spain, and undoubtedly there were people coming back and forth between Macau and the Philippines," he says.

There are other connections, according to Ino, one of them being the fact that as in the Philippines (and in Goa in India, another former Portuguese colony), capiz shells are used for windows in Macau.

He also recalls reading a book about A-Ma, the goddess of the sea after whom Macau was named, which showed some parallels between aspects of her cult and those of Philippine culture. (A-Ma is the patroness of fishermen and sailors. A

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Good-bye, Big Bird

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ed me of my location.

With no movie to watch and reading out of the question because of poor lighting, I spent most of the time looking outside and figuring out the source of the dots of light I was seeing. Were they big boats crossing the Atlantic? Islands in the middle of the ocean?

The lightning flashes over the thick clouds below were a sight to behold. The forces of nature seemed to be at play, and I had a vantage view of their game. There was something eerie, but exciting, about looking at the world from high up while traveling at twice the speed of sound. The atmosphere looked limitless as the airplane hurtled through it at breakneck speed.

I had an "I'm-on-top-of-the-world" feeling, but I felt a sensation of smallness. Here I was on board one of the world's biggest aircraft and yet it looked like a mere speck in that vast atmosphere. I learned what it was to be "a drop in the bucket," literally and figuratively.

The sense of tranquility was simply amazing.

My reverie was cut short when the captain announced that the Concorde was entering US airspace. I was back to reality. As in its takeoff, the Concorde landed at JFK Airport in New York City without a hitch.

The trip took about three hours and 45 minutes.

Five days from now, the Concorde will be history. On Oct. 24, it will make its final commercial flight under British Airways from New York to London. Earlier, on May 31, Air France retired its fleet of Concordes from the service.

High maintenance costs and dwindling passenger load have forced an end to the operation of the European-designed aircraft that first challenged American superiority in the airplane construction business. It succeeded, but sadly, external factors have forced it to fade out.

Goodbye, Big Bird.

There's more

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temple dedicated to her, dating back to early recorded times, still stands in the city and is the scene of active worship.)

Macau, while located on a peninsula on the West Bank of China's Pearl River Delta, exudes an island atmosphere, overlooking as it does the Bay of A-Ma and the two neighboring islands of Taipa and Coloane, to which it is connected by bridges.

The oldest European settlement in Asia, Macau was first settled by the Portuguese during the 16th century, during the great era of Portuguese exploration initiated by Prince Henry the Navigator.

It soon became the center of trading, and with the permission of the Ming Emperor of China, monopolized trade between China and Japan and between the two countries and Europe. In 1641, Portugal's King Joao IV, impressed by the colony's loyalty to the Crown, bestowed on Macau its official title: "City of the Name of God, Macau, There is None Other More Loyal."

Over the years, Macau became a blend of various cultures and influences imbibed from visiting traders and travelers from such places as Goa, Tangiers, Mozambique, Malacca, the Spice Islands, as well as invaders like the Dutch and the English (who settled in nearby Hong Kong) and, of course, the Chinese.

But it was not a mere commercial center. It was also a vital base for Christian missionaries to China and Japan, and a melting pot as well of different religions and beliefs.

For all that, Macau has managed to retain its Mediterranean atmosphere. Thus, travel booklets sing paeans to its "charming, pastel-colored palaccios, rococo churches, old cobble-stoned narrow streets that wind about the city's grim fortresses and towering ruins... [which] tell tales of the old European gateway to China."

That the old Macau still exists in the midst of the booming economy and infrastructure and industrial developments is something to discover, as Ino has done and is constantly doing.

It is this hidden life that so captivates him.

"It's so frustrating," he says. "Whenever I mention Macau to people, they immediately answer, 'Ah, yes, the casinos.' That's the aspect many people don't understand—that Macau is so charming, that it has beautiful architecture, outstanding museums, quaint areas, great food, lovely gardens."

Ino is disappointed that visitors to the city don't bother to see "those lovely alleys and corridors, the bookstores, the little restaurants."

"There's a little bookstore called Libreria Sao Paolo, in a lovely building with yellow and blue tiles off the Leal Senado, where I go to look at the books and pretend I can read Portuguese," he says, adding:

"I go there also to listen to music from Mozambique and Brazil. It's a link to the world of Portugal and its former colonies, to which we are very much connected because there is also Spanish Africa and Spanish Latin America. You're just soaking up another culture!

"Also, it's one way of exploring the world outside of America. We always think of our ties with America, when we have links with other countries that we do not fully explore."

What should visitors look for in Macau?

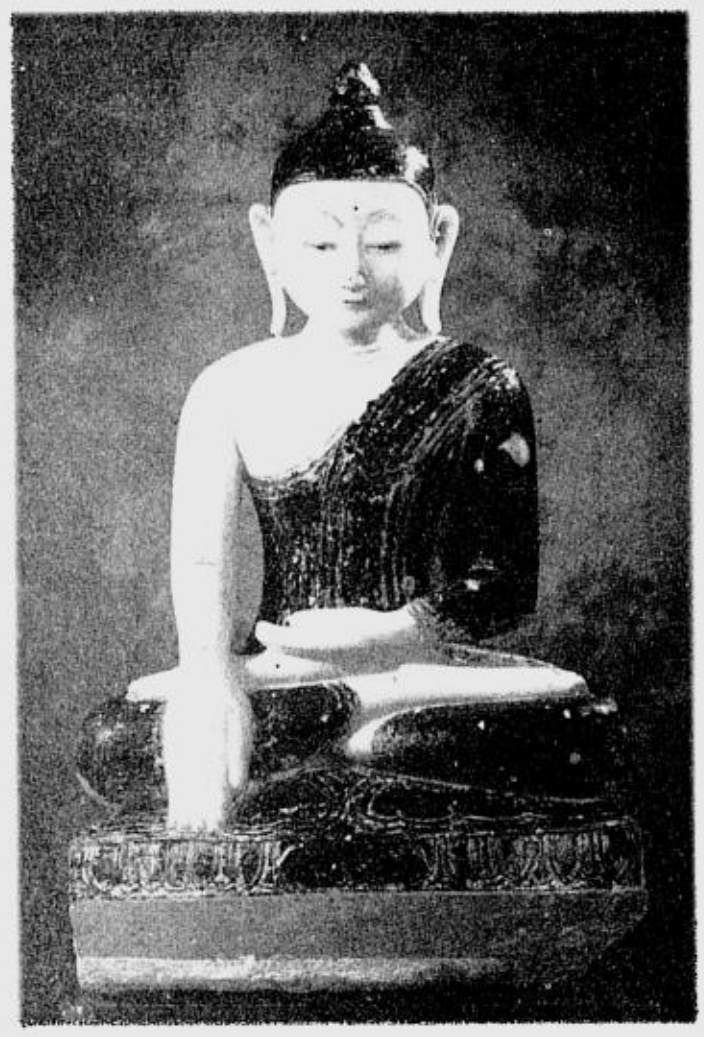
Ino mentions the Museums of Art and of History, the Maritime Museum and the museum in the ruins of the Church of Sao Domingo, as well as the Taipa House Museum, a colonial-style building that shows how Portuguese families lived in Macau at the beginning of the 20th century. (One might add the Macau Grand Prix Museum, which marks the world-famous racing event that celebrates its 50th anniversary next month.)

The city is also a good place to buy items like olive oil, Portuguese *chorizo*, Port wine, sea bass, *bacalhau*.

"Macanese food is incredible!" Ino says, and proceeds to rave about the fish dishes, the desserts to die for, the cuisine at Fernando's on Hac Sa beach at Coloane and at Dos Gatos in the city, at Pousada de Santiago.

"Macau is all that, with the added plus of an Iberian flavor," Ino says. "It's the closest we can get to Iberia, without having to go to Europe."

VERY OLD, CHARMING, AND HALF OFF.



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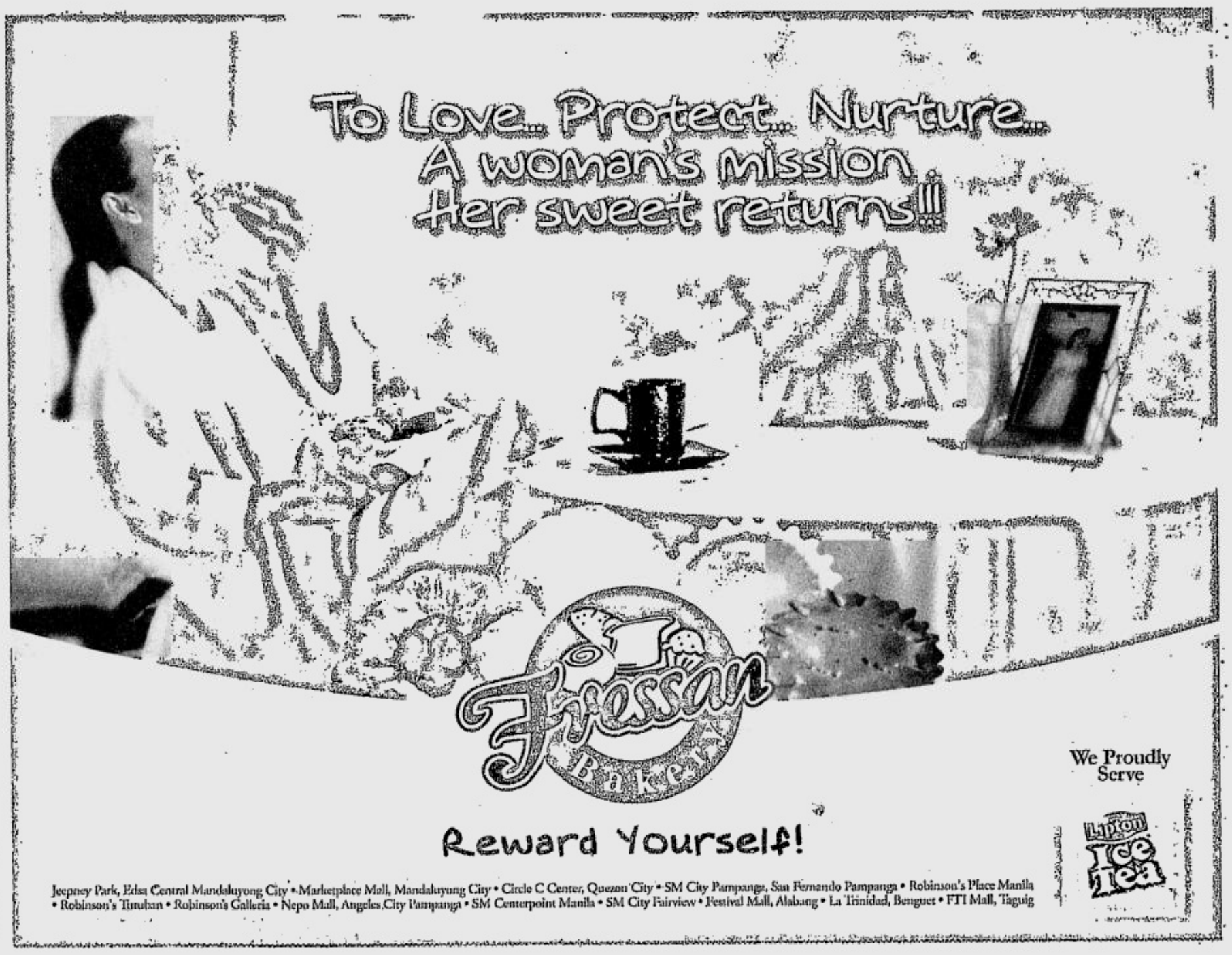

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Project Managers – Responsible for the compliance, quality and performance of Epixtar clients through management of the Sales Executives (Phone Sales Agents), individual contribution, partnering with the operations manager and indirect management of cross-functional team. Call center experience preferred.

Account Executives – The successful candidates will be assigned to establish an excellent working relationship with our outstanding accounts to ensure that all their needs and queries are promptly taken care of. This person must be outgoing and have some idea of US culture.

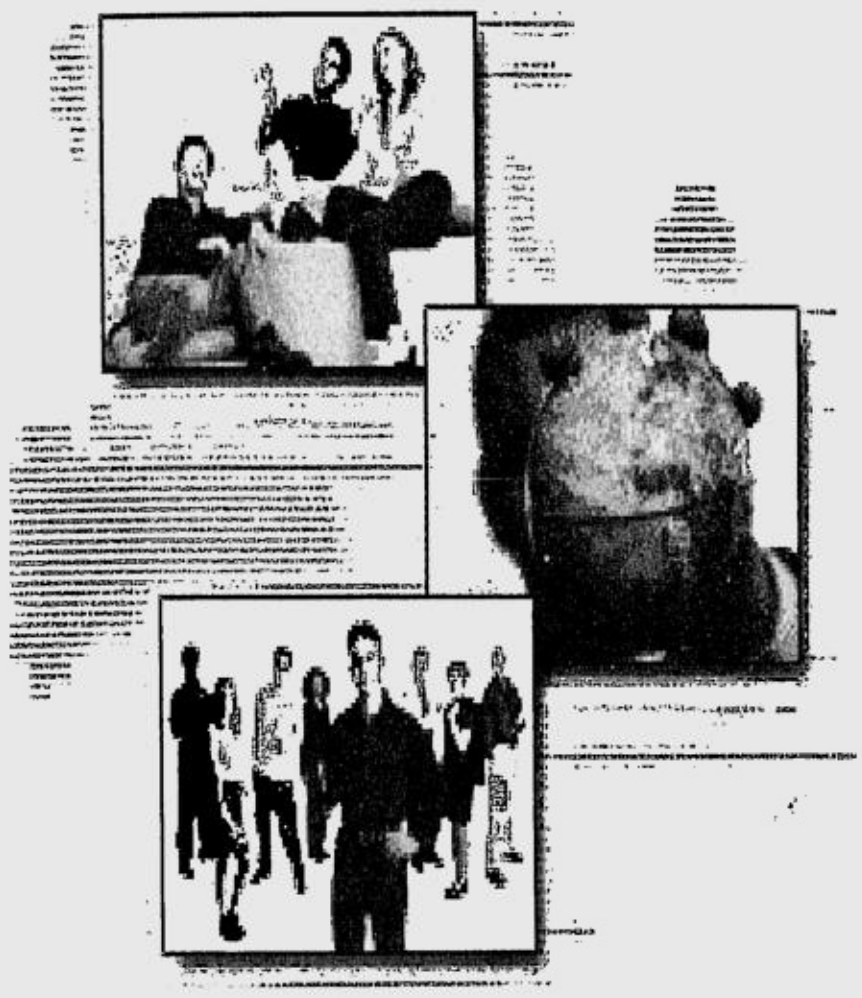
Induction Trainers – Responsible for delivering potential development of all induction and orientation training through the direct management of the trainers as well as individual contribution.

Product Trainers – Responsible for the development and delivering of product specific training for the Sales Executives and Operations.

Quality Managers – Directly responsible for the management of the Quality Assurance Processes and QA Agents .

General Accounting Supervisor – Will manage and supervise the day to day accounting activities of the company.

Cashier – Be responsible for monitoring our cash position.



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This person must have significant experience managing a sales team, preferably in financial services, insurance, real estate or equities.

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- Architecture or Advertising Graduate
- With experience in design & construction
- Knowledgeable in Adobe Photoshop, Corel & Auto CADD
- Can supervise 20-50 personnel
- Willing to work beyond regular working hours

BOOKKEEPER
- 22-30 years old
- Preferably B.S. Accountancy Graduate
- At least one (1) year experience in accounting or bookkeeping job
- Computer literate

SECRETARY
- Communication Arts Graduate
- Fresh graduates are welcome to apply

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Telephone No. 671-8620

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City
Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank toward the cost of the Early Childhood Development Project and intends to apply a portion of this loan to eligible payments under this contract.

The ECD Project now invites interested proponents for the position of

Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

with an experience on monitoring, evaluation and management information system.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:

1. Preferably graduate of Master Degree on Public Administration, Management or other related fields (such as Management Information System);
2. At least three (3) years consultancy/managerial experience in project management particularly in monitoring and evaluation;
3. Must be able to render services on a full time basis; and
4. Proficient in oral and written communication.

Consultant will act as principal adviser and coordinator on planning, monitoring and evaluation of the project. Consultant will likewise, undertake monthly review and monitoring of progress of project implementation with focus on Monitoring, Evaluation and Management Information System. Conduct training and workshop for project staff and personnel of implementing agencies to effect technology transfer. Set up MIS and link with other sub-component and services under the project.

Interested Proponents may submit their Letter of Intent, Curriculum Vitaé and sample material developed to the Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee, 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD Central Office, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City or e-mail at dswd.gov.ph on or before 31 October 2003.

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e-mail: zgalang@feu.edu.ph

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Far Eastern University
Nicanor Reyes St., Sampaloc, Manila
Tel. Number: 7355621 local 229
e-mail: lteoxon@feu.edu.ph

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Far Eastern University
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ERRATUM

In the ad of the Far Eastern University published in the Job Market section of this paper dated October 12, 2003, the word **full-pledged** should have been **full-fledged.**

Our Apologies

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Requirements:

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- Able to lead facilitated sessions with end users to drive detailed requirements activities
- Must have experience in client server applications using Visual Basic, Java, SQL
- With good communication and presentation skills

Project Management

Requirements:

- Business or IT related degree from a reputable university
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- Very strong commercial orientation and customer focus
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural and multi-functional environment
- More than three (3) years solid experience in IT project, software development and systems implementation
- Structured project management approach and comprehensive knowledge of development life cycles
- Ability to work under broad directions, while providing interface between the business and development groups
- Experience in managing projects

Quality Engineer

Requirements:

- Strong drive for performance, solutions and results delivery
- Good organizational skills and task management abilities
- In depth knowledge of quality assurance procedures, methodologies, strategies; with the ability to share these with QA team members and Project team members
- Broad knowledge-base in information technology, systems and software development, database structure and storage, relational database management systems, data mining, and data warehousing
- College Graduate of any Bachelor of Arts or Sciences program with at least three (3) years experience
- Strong Expertise in Quality Assurance procedures, techniques and implementation strategies
- Strong Organizational and Project/Task Management skills

Architecture Engineer

Requirements

- More than 3 years comprehensive project experience for hardware, software and network design and implementation
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- Software/application gather requirements, design, develop, code, test and documents solutions
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Add: U-607 Cityland 10 Tower 1 Dela Costa St.,
Ayala Ave., Makati City, Philippines
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- Good oral & written English communication skills

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- Bachelor's Degree in Electronics / Electrical or Mechanical Engineering or 3 years Technology Course
- Semicon Company or related industry experience preferred
- 3-5 years experience in maintaining mold/die machines
- Knowledgeable in molding equipment, tooling and fabrication
- Good oral and written English communication skills

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- Build partnerships with organizations in the Philippines in implementing joint promotional activities
- Promote the interest of local travel trade to Hong Kong and provide information, publicity and necessary arrangements to them for establishing business opportunities and stimulating the travel desire and demand for Hong Kong

Requirements:

- The representative will be based in Manila, will ideally be a national of the Philippines, and should be fluent in English, Tagalog and any necessary communicative local dialects
- He/she will have a good understanding of the structure and workings of the travel trade in the designated territories
- The representative will have been working for at least 10 years in a travel related concern, and possesses extensive contacts in the travel trade
- Experience in a marketing concern will be an added advantage
- Travel is expected within the designated territories of responsibility, and also occasionally to Hong Kong
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*Interested parties are to send their applications to the attention of Mr. David Leung, Regional Director, South & S.E. Asia by October 27, 2003. Via email at **sinwwo@hktb.com** or by Post to the address as indicated below.*

HONG KONG TOURISM BOARD
9 Temasek Boulevard, #34-03
Suntec Tower Two
Singapore 038989
Attn: Regional Director - South & S.E. Asia
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* Female, below 28 yrs. old.

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* Graduate of Psychology/Behavioral Science
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* Pref. with experience in Recruitment, Manpower Planning, Payroll & General HR Work
* Proficient in work deadlines & can adapt to job pressure
* Knowledgeable with MS Applications

WAREHOUSE STOCK CLERK

* Graduate of any Computer related courses
* Female, 28 yrs. old below
* Pref. with experience in stocks control & inventory
* Must be honest, well organized & detail oriented
* Willing to work overtime

FIELD INVENTORY / ACCOUNTING CLERKS

* Female, Accounting Grad, below 30 yrs. old
* Computer literate, preferably w/ experience
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Send resumé thru fax/e-mail/mail at:
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- Male or Female
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Country Bankers Centre
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Contact person: *Ms. Abbie Lee 8292663* • Email: *metroindexrealty@uplink.com.ph*
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Human Resources Office
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De La Salle University
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or email to:
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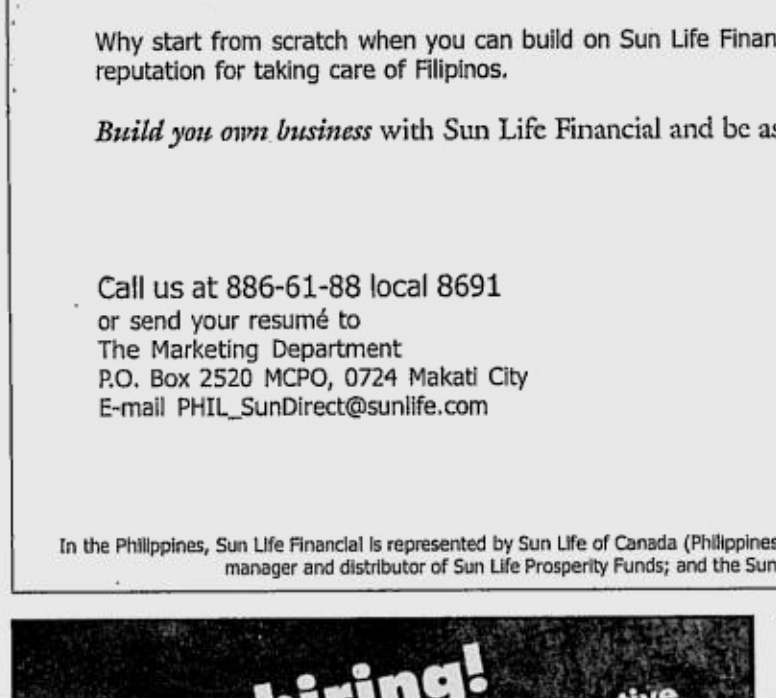

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Qualified applicants may send their application letter, comprehensive resumé indicating telephone/cell phone nos., recently taken 2x2 ID pictures, photocopy of transcript of records and other credentials to:

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Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

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ONE (1) DIRECTOR, SG 27
ITEM NO. OSEC-DSWDB DIR3-29-1998 (PPB)

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
Bachelor's Degree, preferably with Masters Degree in Social Work (MSW)

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS
3 years supervisory experience, preferably with experience in program, planning and management

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
None required

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Preferably with Career Service, Executive Eligibility (CSEE) or Career Executive Service (CES)

Interested applicants may submit their application together with their comprehensive Curriculum Vitae to the Human Resource Management and Development Service (HRMDS), DSWD Central Office, Constitution Hills, Batasan Complex, Quezon City.

Deadline of application: October 26, 2003.

A project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and implemented by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), is in search of a qualified candidate for the post of Technical Assistant, to report directly to the Project Coordinator, to be based at the EMB office in Quezon City.

Technical Assistant

Technical Accountabilities:

1. Coordinate and liaise with concerned government agencies, NGOs, POs, and relevant industries for their information and participation in the implementation of the Enabling Activity Project;
2. Provide assistance in gathering necessary information needed in the various components of the project;
3. Coordinate the activities of the various subcontracts to ensure the timely delivery of their respective outputs;
4. Assist in the evaluation of the subcontract's outputs in terms of completeness, substance, and compliance as stipulated in the subcontract's TOR;
5. Assist in the preparation of the necessary periodic reports required by the executing agency (EMB-DENR) and/or by the UNDP;
6. Assist in the preparation and actual conduct of meetings, consultations, trainings or workshops to be undertaken by the project.
7. Perform other necessary tasks as maybe assigned by the Project Coordinator.

Qualifications:

1. Male or Female, not more than 35 years old
2. Licensed Electrical Engineer, Chemical Engineer, or Mechanical Engineer
3. Graduate or post graduate degree preferred
4. Must have at least three (3) years experience on environmental management or related field
5. Previous work experience, with government agencies, NGOs, and industries in the Philippines, in implementing projects that deal with POPs management or other environmental projects would be an advantage
6. Must be familiar with the provisions of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
7. Must be proficient in the use of computer applications, particularly Microsoft Office

All application letters and comprehensive resumés should reach our office on or before 27 October 2003. Address applications to the Development Support Services Center, United Nations Development Programme, 7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building, 106 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City (via courier) or P.O. Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City (via airmail), tel. nos. 892-0611 to 25 loc. 386/275.

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

This advertisement shall remain posted in www.undp.org.ph until October 27, 2003.

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Department of Education
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VACANCIES

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(Level: Director IV; SG 28)

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(Level: Director III; SG 27)

At least Master's Degree or equivalent; minimum of 3 years experience in position/s involving management (people, financial resources, ideas); relevant professional experience; excellent ability to communicate both oral & written; preferably Career Service Executive Eligible/Career Exec. Service.

Interested applicants may send their application to the **Chairman, National Book Development Board**, A. Ma. Regidor St., Area XI, U.P. Campus, Diliman, Quezon City or via e-mail, **board@nbdb.gov.ph** or fax **920-1829** not later than **November 17, 2003**. Please submit resumé, photo, copies of transcript of records, CSE/CES eligibility, performance evaluation for the last 3 years and NBI clearance.

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- ☐ B.S. Mechanical Engineering graduate
- ☐ With experience in CADD operations
- ☐ With at least 2 years work experience
- ☐ Proficient in (both oral and written) English
- ☐ With pleasing personality

SECRETARY

- ☐ Graduate of any 4-year Business/Management course
- ☐ Computer literate
- ☐ Preferably with at least 1 year working experience
- ☐ With pleasing personality

PROGRAMMER

- ☐ Male, 26-28 years old
- ☐ Proficient in Visual Foxpro and Vbasic
- ☐ Knowledge of ASP and IIS 5.0
- ☐ Knowledge of TCP/IP would be an advantage
- ☐ Have at least 2 years of work experience
- ☐ With background in NTFS and IPSec
- ☐ Knowledge in Accounting would be an advantage

NETWORK ADMINISTRATORs (CEBU)**

- ☐ Male, 26 to 28 years old
- ☐ Working knowledge of TCP/IP, windows 2000 server, Win2Kpro, Win XP and Novell 6.0
- ☐ With at least 2 years working experience
- ☐ Proficient in NTFS, Active Directory, DNS and DHCP Configuration
- ☐ With in-depth knowledge of Switch Hubs, Routers, Fault-tolerant Disks, DFS and Subnetting
- ☐ Preferably a resident of Mandaue, Cebu City

COOK

- ☐ 22-30 years old, male or female
- ☐ Preferably with at least 2 years working experience as cook from restaurant and coffee shoppe
- ☐ Expertise in pastries and sandwiches is an advantage
- ☐ Must be a team player

WAITER/WAITRESS

- ☐ 21-28 years old
- ☐ Preferably with at least 1-2 years working experience from restaurant and coffee shoppe
- ☐ Excellent communication skills both in English and Tagalog
- ☐ Pleasing personality and a team player

HEAD-FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- ☐ Male or Female, 25 to 30 years old
- ☐ Certified Public Accountant
- ☐ Experience in Manufacturing and Marketing Firm
- ☐ Computer literate, knowledge in accounting software
- ☐ Well versed in govt. reporting requirements, i.e. BOI, SEC, BIR
- ☐ With good administrative and supervisory skills

INTERESTED APPLICANTS may send or submit personally their updated resumé with recent ID picture, NBI or police clearance, photocopy of transcript of records, and certificate of previous employment to:

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E-mail us at: dn.fnh@pacific.net.ph
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Please visit our corporate website www.spitech.com (click on CAREERS then go to CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES) for important details on the advertised positions.
We encourage interested and qualified candidates to send their applications online through our website's CURRENT OPPPORTUNITIES page OR send the following to our office address at SPI HR Office 2F Sky Freight Building C, NAIA Avenue corner PASCOR Drive, Parañaque City: Updated resumé with recent 2x2 ID picture, Transcript of Records and SSS ID or E1 Form.

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- Female with at least 2-3 years of work experience in all phases of accounting
- Mature, organized, responsible and can work under pressure
- Prompt, efficient, honest and of good moral character
- Reports oriented, keen to details of all transactions
- Proficient in MS Office, especially Excel

COURT MANAGER
- Male or Female, 22-35 years old with previous managerial experience
- Graduate of BA or BS degree
- Team player
- Excellent client relation, interpersonal skills and leadership skills

LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANT
- Male & Female, with previous experience in the service industry
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MAINTENANCE
- Male, 20-35 years old
- Hardworking and willing to work overtime

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Cell: 0916-5686990
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(1) BUSINESS OFFICE SUPERVISOR
- M/F, not more than 35 years old
- B.S. Commerce, Accounting or Banking Finance major
- Must have supervisory experience in credit & collection with Good communication skills & computer literate
- Must be able to withstand pressure of work

(1) CHIEF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST
- M/F, not more than 40 years old
- B.S. Radiologic Technologist
- Must be licensed
- Must have supervisory experience with Good communication skills & computer literate
- Must be able to withstand pressures of work

STAFF NURSES
- M/F, not more than 30 years old
- Must be licensed
- With good aptitude and scholastic records
- Preferably with experience, Computer literate

(1) COOK
- Male, single or married between 30 & 40 years old
- Preferably with extensive experience as domestic or commercial cook

Please submit personally your resumés, transcript and other credentials and latest 2x2 photo to the **Personnel Department, No. 7 Kamuning Road, Quezon City.**

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- Willing to travel anywhere in the Philippines
- Computer literate, has good communications skills, willing to listen and learn, mature and organized, and can work extended hours

Qualified candidates are requested to submit their letter of application together with their comprehensive and detailed resume' indicating the minimum salary desired, latest 2 x 2 photo, telephone number/s and other credentials to:

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- Background in instrumentation preferred
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- Can handle work pressure w/ min. supervision
- Driving skills necessary

Qualified applicants are requested to send immediately their comprehensive resumé, transcript of records and a recent 2x2 photo to:

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- ✓ Licensed ECE or EE
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- ✓ Knowledge of electro-mechanical telecommunications equipment (Toll Lane, CCTV, Telecom, Counting Vehicles Stations, Private Radio Communication System), optic fiber systems and structural cabling

SYSTEMS SUPERVISORS

- ✓ Male, at least 26-35 years old
- ✓ Licensed ECE / EE / ME
- At least 5 years experience in the maintenance of Systems Equipment (Toll Lane, CCTV, Telecom, Counting Vehicles Stations, Private Radio Communication System) and 2 years supervisory experience
- ✓ Proficient in the use of computer systems and complex diagnostic tools

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- ✓ Male, at least 32-45 years old
- ✓ Licensed Civil Engineer
- ✓ At least 5 years of hands-on technical experience and 5 years of supervisory/ managerial experience
- ✓ Knowledge of different engineering concepts
- ✓ Experience in the maintenance of motorway civil works and motorway furnitures, bridges and related structures
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THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
5/f Benpres Bldg., Exchange Road cor Meralco Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City
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Successful candidates will be tasked with developing advertiser accounts in assigned industries and categories. Responsibilities will include planning, cold-calling, making sales presentations, meeting sales targets and on-time submission of required reports to management.

We are looking for self-motivated, goal-oriented achievers who love the art of selling, are team players and are willing to put in the hours to succeed. A background in advertising or sales is a plus but not required.

Performance-based compensation package will include monthly salary, transportation allowance, bonuses, incentives and commissions.

TELEMARKETERS & SALES ASSISTANTS

Successful candidates will support account managers. Multi-tasking responsibilities will include research, appointment-setting, filing reports, providing sales support and meeting weekly appointments targets.

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De La Salle University-Dasmariñas
Cavite 4115 Philippines
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- University degree holder, engineering or architecture
- Minimum 2 years experience working in a similar position is an advantage but not essential
- 25 to 32 years old
- Computer literate
- Has valid driver's license
- Must have good communication skills, hardworking and trustworthy

Appear in person for interview on October 27, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

BORAL PLASTERBOARD PHILIPPINES
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If you are interested, please call **Carrie** at tel. no. **891-3396** or **891-3485**.

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- Between 28-40 years old
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- Must possess good interpersonal skills

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- Experience in working with a large-scale hotel or restaurant is an advantage.

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- Graduate of any four-year business-related course
- Willing to work in different shifts and long hours if necessary
- Previous experience in the fast-food industry would be an advantage
- With good oral and written communication skills

ASSISTANT RESTAURANT MANAGERS

- Male or Female, not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of any four-year business-related course
- Minimum of 1 1/2 years of experience in the fast-food industry, managerial level
- Willing to work in different shifts and long hours if necessary
- With good oral and written communication skills

RESTAURANT GENERAL MANAGERS

- Male or Female, not more than 35 years old
- Graduate of any four-year business-related course
- Minimum of 3 years experience in the fast-food industry, managerial level. Unit/Store Manager preferred
- Willing to work in different shifts and long hours if necessary
- With good oral and written communication skills

Office based:

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANTS

- Male not more than 26 years old
- Graduates of BS Accountancy
- With book keeping and/or auditing background
- Computer Literate
- With good oral and written communication skills

All candidates must be energetic, friendly, and verbose. They should have good interpersonal skills. They must also be pro- active and team players. We offer a competitive package of salary and benefits.

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POSITION APPLYING FOR:
Human Resources Department
PERF Restaurants Inc. – Burger King
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Telefax: 898-2542 to 45
Ricco Renzo Galleries, G/F LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air, Makati City

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WANTED
PROGRAMMER

- Experience in PHP unit Language & Pearl CGI
- Young aggressive web designer

email:
jimcarterjr1@yahoo.com

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The Visayan Forum Foundation, Inc., a Manila-based non-government organization working for the protection and development of marginalized migrants especially domestic workers, trafficked women and children is in need of:

(1) Regional Coordinator (for Negros) to be based in Bacolod City

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Preferably Ilonggo speaking
- Graduate in Behavioral Science, Psychology, Sociology Management or other related course
- Has at least 2 years experience in NGO developmental work specializing in children's rights, child labor and women's welfare
- Has held supervisory position in past jobs
- Has the ability to lead and work with a team
- Good in oral and written communications
- Computer literate
- Ability to work with the team
- Good interpersonal relations especially with children

(2) Training Officer (Negros) to be based in Bacolod City

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Preferably Ilonggo speaking
- Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Development/Behavioral Science/Social Sciences
- At least 2 years working experience in training in an NGO and other developmental work
- Good in written and oral communications
- Computer literate
- Knowledgeable in project proposals making and reports
- Good interpersonal relations
- Experience on child rights and child labor issue is an advantage
- Ability to work with the team

Interested applicants may apply personally. Please bring with them their application letter with comprehensive resumé. Applicants may also send their application directly to the:

Executive Director
Visayan Forum Foundation, Inc.
2873 Lamayan Street, Sta. Ana, Manila
Telefax: 563-45-14
e-mail: visforum@info.com.ph

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

GARMENT OPERATIONS MANAGER

- at least 3 years experience in a medium-sized garment firm
- for export and local operations
- willing to work in Sta. Maria, Bulacan plant

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER/ EXPORT COORDINATOR

- to assist in planning & production process evaluation
- at least 2 years experience in garment for export firm

Please send your resumé with 2x2 photo and a brief description of current or previous work at fax no. 299-6041 or e-mail at: ewearco@hotmail.com

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FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING!

A leading multinational transport company is in need of a dynamic, assertive and mature professional to occupy the following position in our organization:

MARKETING EXECUTIVE

(MANILA BASED)

- Male or Female, not more than 30 years old, with pleasing personality
- Holder of an appropriate college degree from a reputable school
- Must have relevant sales work experience in the same capacity preferably in air, land and sea transport
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Former guidance counselor handles hiring challenge

By Candy G. Villanueva

HR FOCUS

DAISY Aquino led a quaint quiet life in Saint Louis University. For years, Aquino was a friend and counselor to the students, parents and teachers of the university in Baguio. But the irresistible call of the corporate world urged her to step out of her comfort zone and explore the city life.

Although uprooted from the only place she knew as home, Aquino is now successfully pursuing a career in human resources in Manila. Under the general supervision of the regional HR manager, Aquino is responsible for the large recruitment requirements of Sykes Asia, Inc.

Sykes Asia, Inc. is a company that sees itself as a technical product support expert. Named as "the Rolls Royce of the technical support business" by the Investor's Business Daily, Sykes provides global customer support solutions for many of the world's leading products.

Daisy Aquino, recruitment manager, ensures that all the manpower requirements of this service call center are effectively and efficiently met.

Graduating at the top of her class with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Saint Louis University, Aquino first worked as a guidance counselor and part time instructor for guidance counseling. Although Aquino found a home in the fostering world of the university, she longed for more. "I was confined in the four walls of the classroom," recalls Aquino, " I wanted to see the world and how it is to be in a corporate environment."

Leaving home

With a four-year experience in guidance counseling and teaching, she left the laid-back haven of Baguio and ventured to something bigger in Manila. That bigger thing turned out to be human resources. Universal Robina Corporation introduced her into the world of HR. As its recruitment section head, she quickly learned the ropes of the hiring business. After two years, Aquino was rightfully promoted to recruitment and administrative manager.

According to Aquino, leaving home was tough but it was a move she did not regret because it afforded her the chance to pursue a colorful and challenging career in HR. "I simply focused on what I wanted."

Delegation

The career shift was initially difficult for Aquino. "The pressure from the academe is very much different from that of the corporate setting," the former guidance counselor admits, "especially in recruitment where you have deliverables and timelines." She adds, "The challenge is to deliver the headcount that is required."

Aquino handles the challenge through proper management and delegation. Her team of 13 young and dynamic HR staff work with her to deliver Sykes' goal to hire at least a thousand more employees by the end of the year. "I am a very open manager. They can come to me anytime they have problems," says Aquino of her lucky 13. Although nurturing and motherly, this team leader strives to empower her subordinates. "I want them to be able to decide on their own. I am just there to oversee and to provide them with the necessary resources."

"I always encourage my team to learn as much as they can. It's more of the internal motivation to deliver," says Aquino of her team. "Our commitment is, no matter what happens, we will deliver."

Being a people person, Aquino is in the right place. Recruitment allows her to interact with different kinds of people and connect with them at a certain level. "I love working with people. That is why sometimes it takes me so much time to interview. I want to know as much as I can about them or learn what they are doing."

Her daily interaction with applicants is a learning process for this Recruitment Manager. "The opportunity to talk to people is really something interesting. I always believe that you get to learn from people whether professional or not."

People reader

Immersed with a people oriented job since the start, Aquino has honed her knack at reading people. She has developed the skill to see beyond the surface, which is vital to her job. "It goes with the job. The moment I see a person, I could sense which department or area he or she would fit in." Confidently she adds, "It's all about gut feel, intuition and reading vibes."

"The pressure in the call center environment is double or even triple," says Aquino. She overcomes the pressure by having the right attitude. "It's all about client relationship building. You should have a customer-oriented attitude. Success is a combination of both skill and attitude."

Secondly, Aquino urges the youth to "put your heart into whatever career you choose. It's all about focus, commitment and dedication."

Looking further, Aquino hopes to be able to go back to school, no longer as a teacher or counselor but again, as a student. "You learn everyday with work but you have to couple that with studying." On her brief teaching stint, she has no plans to totally relinquish the noble profession. "Teaching is a profession I can always go back to once I decide to leave the corporate world because I can share more with my experience."

DAISY Aquino, Sykes' recruitment manager

THE SYKES HR team

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Setting good example...

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Always make it a point to set a good example—it won't hurt to be a pleasant coworker. A bad example especially—if deliberately done—in the long run acts like poison in the work environment: Its destructiveness spares no one.

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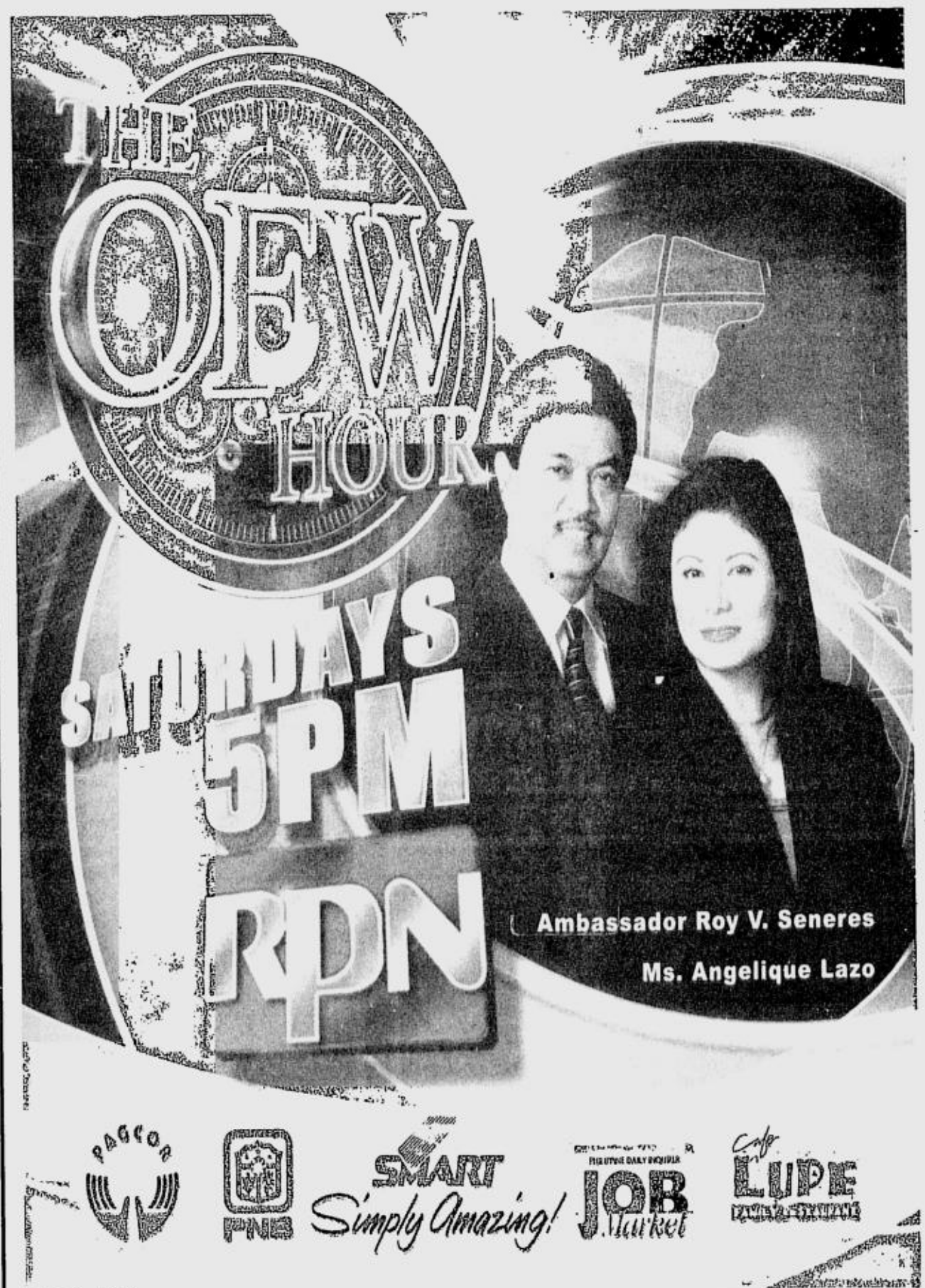

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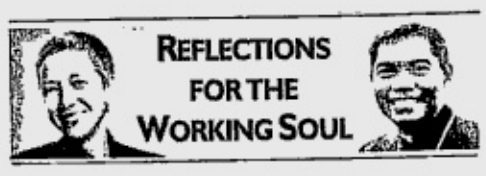

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The need to succeed

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

WHAT some people would do to sit closest to the big boss at the table! Doesn't today's gospel remind you of glory-seekers in the office—men and women who manipulate others in order to secure for themselves positions of power and influence in the corporate world? Women usually employ feminine wiles, while men supposedly use wit. But whatever else they use, it's obvious that they are both driven by ambition, the craving to "make it" in this world.

The need to succeed is something all of us have in common, but not all of us would have one and the same idea of success. Most of us would equate success with money, power, recognition and freedom from want. But how many in a company of, say, 500 people, would link success to self-denial, obscurity, service and economic insecurity? These are the things Jesus asks of us if we want to sit beside Him in glory. But are we willing to take these to fulfill our ambition? We who want it all, who want Christ but not His cross? Even James and John who walked and talked with Jesus didn't say "Master, when they crucify you, grant that we be crucified, too, one at your right, the other at your left." No, the disciples themselves wanted glory!

We do know that Jesus gives His glory to those who don't want it in the first place. A timely example would be Mother Teresa. Her beatification today at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome will be witnessed the world over, live via satellite. That is not just sitting next to Jesus in glory; that is being embraced by Jesus for all the world to see because in her lifetime all she wanted was to embrace Jesus in the dying and the unwanted. In our workplaces, many are the unwanted and the dying in spirit—believe it or not, they open to us the fastest routes to job satisfaction. *(Email the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph.*)*

May sumpong ang boss

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

"*SALUBONG ba ang kilay ni* boss?" some coworkers of mine would ask my secretary sometimes. If they get a negative answer, they would proceed to confer with me about their work and at times request some personal favors. Otherwise, no one would dare approach me at all!

This strained work situation, which I believe others also experience, needs improvement. We can learn from how Jesus worked with His apostles.

Jesus must have inspired confidence in James and John, His coworkers, who did not hesitate to ask personal favors from their Master even if they failed to understand fully what they were asking for. Their candor would gain for them the anger of their companions, yet Jesus was so humble and kind as to listen to them, and patiently corrected their wrong perceptions about their mission/work. He showed them a more beautiful dimension of their work and life, which eventually motivated them to work and die for Jesus.

A familial working environment is what most workers long for. An atmosphere of openness and transparency promotes greater productivity and prevents stressful working relationships, which could forestall prolonged destructive strikes or work stoppages. Open downward and upward communication between workers and management develops a sense of belongingness in each one and instills a strong commitment to the goals and purposes of the corporation or business. Looking at Jesus and imitating His example in our work place brings everyone to the "glory" where we enjoy our work and one another's presence, *may sumpong man o wala!* *(Email the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net.*)*

How do you deal with people who resist change at work?

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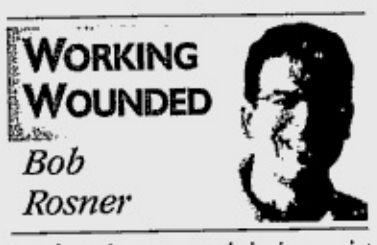

Bob Rosner

The Employees aren't A-changin'

Did you read about the London motorist who was ticketed for speeding by a roadside camera? The police mailed the guy his ticket, along with the photo of his speeding car. So the guy responded in kind: he mailed the police a photo of one of his checks! He thought that would be the end of it, too—until the cops sent him a photo of handcuffs. The motorist speedily paid his fine.

Many employees are like this motorist. When presented with change, they put up roadblocks to see if the changes are real or just a passing fad.

Fortunately, there are ways to race past employee resistance. The questions below will help you steer clear of the most common employee concerns. For more ideas, check out "Guru Guide" by Boyett and Boyett (Wiley, 1999).

Employee involvement

Can you involve employees in planning the change? The popular term is "buy-in." Get employees involved at the front end, and they'll be less likely to resist. Who wants to squash something she helped create?

Can you assure employees that the changes won't blow up in their faces?

Change initiators see the benefits of dumping the status quo. Resisters see only the risks. So minimize resistance by acknowledging the risks. Listen carefully to employees' misgivings and address each one fully.

Fears

Can you assure employees that the changes won't mean a lot more work for them? To many employees, "change" is synonymous with "doing more with less." No wonder they resist! Counter resistance by not only adding responsibilities to your employee's plates but also put energy into looking for ways you can take things OFF their plates.

Can you give extra support while employees adapt to the change? Change is scary to employees: they might make mistakes! You can ease their fears, however, by giving them additional resources and additional training while they learn the new way of doing things.

Communication

Can you make sure your new policies jibe with existing ones? Major changes make major ripples. Areas far removed from the ones you're targeting are likely to feel the impact. Look at all the ramifications of your changes, minimize any unnecessary ones, then tell employees about EVERYTHING that will be different so there are no surprises.

Incidentally, don't assume your employees will resist the change. I recently surveyed the employees of a state agency and found that only 5% felt the organization was undertaking too much change. Most employees EMBRACE change IF they have a voice in planning it. So get your employees involved and you'll be in the fast lane in no time at all.

Here are the results of our last working wounded.com/ABCnews.com poll: Which movie title best describes how employees at your company respond to a big change at work?

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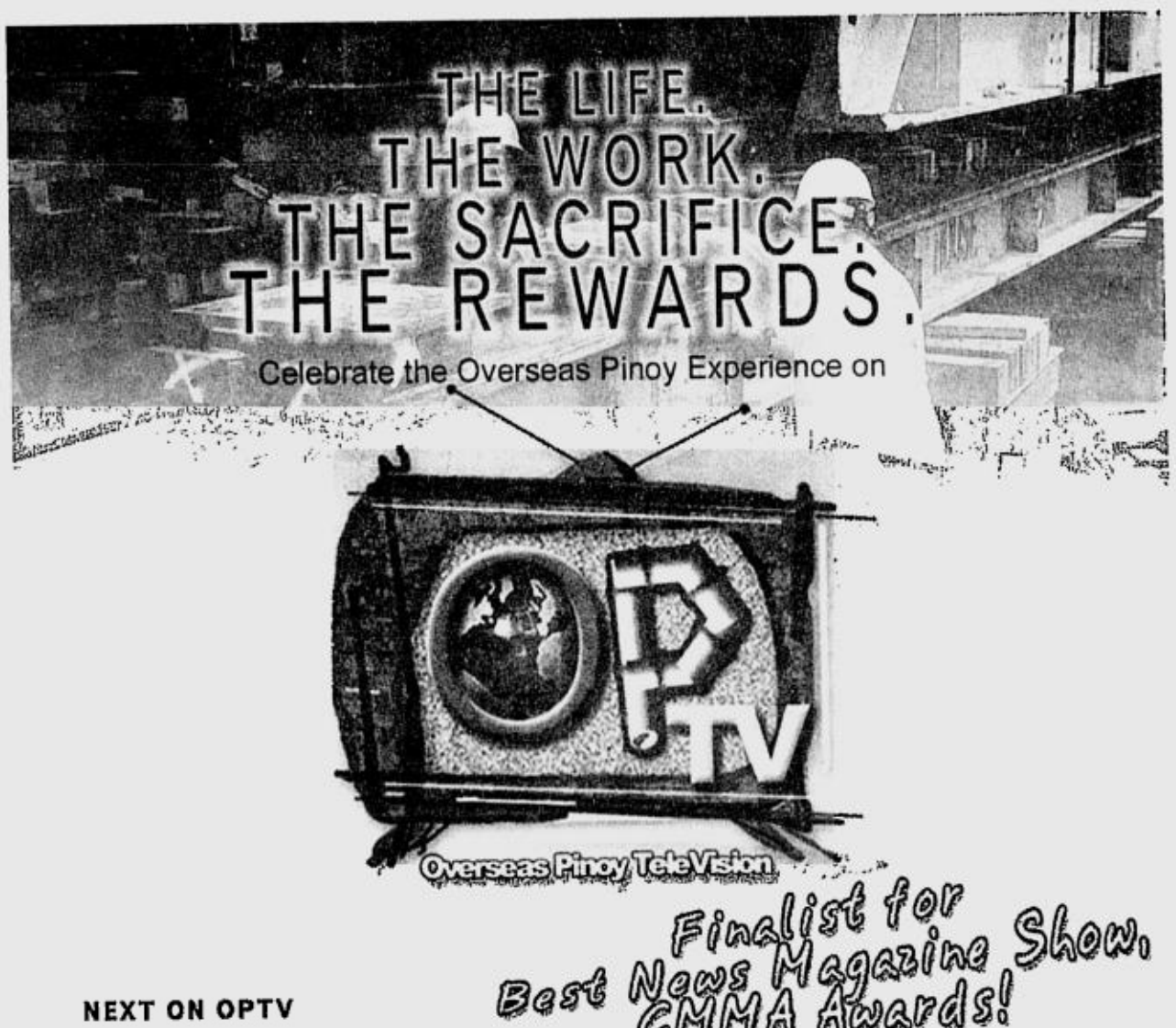

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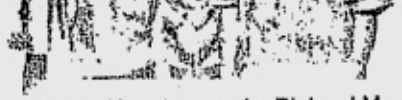

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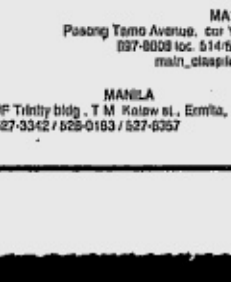

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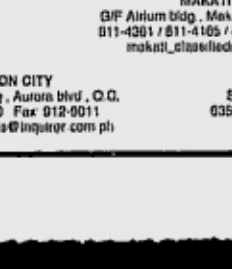

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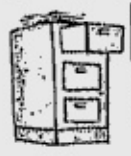

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Setting good example plants seeds of maturity at work

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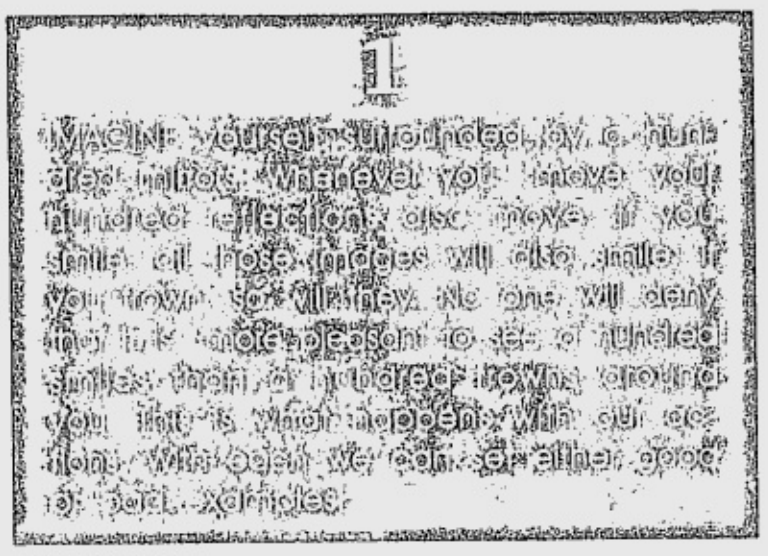

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Even seemingly insignificant things like saying "Thank you," "You're welcome" or "Please..." when necessary make work light and bright for everyone. We may hardly notice it but even our smallest actions at work may be seen as examples by people around us.

3

It is important to set a good example because it is like a seed that eventually bears a hundred sweet and nutritious fruits a day. On the other hand, a candy wrapper carelessly dropped on the floor can start a garbage pile in the workplace.

4

The ability to set a good example is a mark of a person's maturity. The lack of desire to set a good example is a sign of a person's irresponsibility.

5

Some good examples at work are: Cheerfully coming to work on time;

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Using the company's resources prudently; Making a habit of honesty in all aspects at work; and observing rules and regulations at the workplace.

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Some bad examples at work are: Having others punch in your timecard. taking home office supplies for your personal use;

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It is also a bad example to follow a bad example, or to exempt yourself from rules as a matter of privilege.

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'Should I tell the truth in job interview?'

By Tita Datu Puangco

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I am 35 years old and currently looking for a new job. I've been jobless for three months now, and I am getting restless. This is the first time that this happened to me (i.e., having nothing to do for such a long time). I miss the stress the corporate world used to bring me.

A few months ago, I got a job interview with one of the biggest broadcasting networks. Their HR manager interviewed me. She told me that further interviews would be set for me with the managing director and another person. That was almost a month ago and I assume that they are not interested in me anymore. I tried emailing the HR Assistant to follow up but she didn't respond.

How long do you have to wait for such interviews to be set? According to a friend of mine who told me about the job, no one has been hired for the position I applied for yet. Do you think I was rejected because of what I revealed to them on why I only stayed a year with my former employer? When I was first asked why I left, I answered that I wanted to rest. But then, in the last few minutes of the interview, she asked me the same question again. I felt at that time, that if I didn't tell the truth, she would think that I am incompetent. So, I told her the truth—that is, "*di kami magkasundo ng* immediate boss *ko*" and that my boss was very difficult to work with. I told her that several employees had also resigned before me. Even some of our prospective sponsors didn't want to deal with my former boss. Please tell me what I did wrong.

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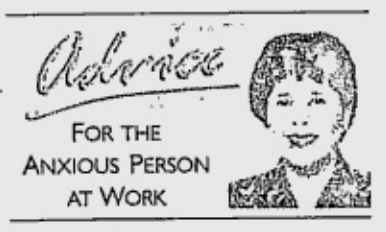

I am sorry to hear that you are out of a job. I think that you should not put your "eggs all in one basket" as the cliché goes, but instead think of all the possible people you know and opportunities available in the line of work you seek.

Regarding how long you have to wait to be called for an interview, I cannot provide a black and white answer. But, putting myself in the shoes of the interviewer, if I have a keen interest in an applicant who fits the job specifications, I will call the person immediately. If the company where you have applied to has not called you after all this time, I suggest you move on in terms of your search adventure.

Exercise prudence

Should you tell the truth during an interview? The answer to this is yes. Integrity is a virtue, but so is prudence. This means you have to realize that interviews are designed in such a way as to surface critical incidents, whether positive or negative, that support critical behavioral dimensions. So be careful when you answer. If the behavioral dimensions included teamwork or interpersonal relations, your answer around not working well with your former boss could be considered as a negative incident. In this case, yes, it can be a cause for you not getting the job.

Critical dimensions

So next time you apply for a job, ask yourself, what are the critical dimensions required to succeed in that particular job? Try to write down your answers to questions likely to be asked and better still, simulate the interview. Role-playing will allow you to rehearse your answers so that no question will surprise or make you lose your composure.

By the way, on October 25, the Regional Operations Division of the former NMPC will hold a reunion at 4:30 p.m. at the Celebrity Club, Capitol Hills, Quezon City. It promises to be a memorable get together.

All the best and God bless you. May you find work soon!

(Ms Puangco is CEO and chair of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting. Send feedback through email to advice@ancillaedc.com.ph *or fax to 892-2902.)*

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MWM Live! Seminar Series provides learning for advancement of women in workplace

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This milestone event will happen on **Nov. 11, 12 and 13, 2003 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the SGV Hall, Asian Institute of Management Conference Center, Benavidez St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.** Three learning sessions will be offered: **Nov. 11 – Communicating with Power, Nov. 12 – Developing a Winning Image and Nov. 13 – Becoming a Manager-Leader.**

Lirio O. Mapa, vice president for the Center for Leadership and Change, the official distributor of Franklin Covey learning products and services, will give a presentation on **"Communicating with Power."** Many women don't speak up enough in corporations—and when they do, they are sometimes not heard they way they want to be. In many cases, in fact, they're not quite seen or heard at all. The lack of power of women to communicate effectively is an obstacle to their advancement in the workplace and their ability to contribute to the fullest to their organizations. Why aren't women communicating in the right way in the workplace and in corporations? Why can't they get themselves heard? This learning session will analyze the reasons why many women aren't communicating effectively at work, outline the strategies in powerful communication, and show the competencies of listening, presentation and becoming knowledgeable as a means to mastering the power of communication.

Mariecor Salas Ding, president of MSD Personnel Development Consultants, a sought after resource person on personality development trained in the US and a trainor of beauty queens, will tackle the topic **"Developing a Winning Image."** Brains, skill, and PR prowess—sometimes, even a combination of these three isn't enough to succeed in the workplace. Women have to learn the importance of building a winning image, both in manner of dress and carriage. While it is important to develop competencies that will ensure one's peak performance in the company, a woman's professional image is important in getting her noticed and listened to. This learning session will tackle the importance of image management and its relevance in succeeding at work and in life. It will show how you can "audit" your image and plan for image improvement. It will also discuss how to develop the visual poise and posture that mark leaders, tips on dressing for success, and grooming strategies.

Josefina O. Santamaria, president of Career Systems, Inc., a leading career development training and consultancy firm, will discuss **"Becoming a Manager-Leader."** Managers and leaders are both needed in organizations—but they aren't necessarily one and the same. When the time comes to dish out corporate power, it will go to those whose abilities management is familiar with and whose trust level is proven. That's why it is important for women who want to assume the mantle of leadership to act with authority and take some risks. How do women achieve their leadership destiny? This learning session will show the difference between managing and leading, how to establish goals, how to build trust through action, the importance of delegation, timely and sound decision-making, and how to show and maintain authority. The session will also tackle how one can become a manager-leader who will be able to draw peak performance from people.

Each learning session will contain a presentation on the topic by these seasoned human resource trainors, a panel discussion on work and family concerns with well-known women resource persons in business and media and an open forum. Some of the guest panelists are: **Cynthia R. Mamon**, president of Sun Microsystems Philippines, Inc., **Thelma Sioson San Juan**, general manager of ABS-CBN Publishing Inc., **Maribel Sison Dionisio**, Metro Working Mom columnist, **and An Mercado Alcantara**, deputy editorial director of ABS-CBN Publishing, Inc.

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WHAT the name Shaina means "beautiful" in Hebrew seems only proper when you gaze upon Shaina Magdayao. Turning 14 on November 6, Shaina is supposed to be in what is commonly called an awkward stage. But there is nothing awkward about how Shaina is turning out. The shy kid who used to bite her nails and collect Hello Kitty bric-a-brac has transformed into a tall, graceful teener fully familiar with the requirements of a life lived between takes.

"It's not a normal life. I enjoy it naman. *When I compare my life to that of normal teenagers, I say, 'Ay, I wasn't allowed to play outside my house.' I began working when I was just six. It's a really different world, but it's not hard because I'm enjoying what I'm doing," she says with a giggle.*

Shaina has been immersed in this bright-lights life for a while now, having been inspired at age six by the exploits of her ate, older sister Sharon, better known as the singer/actress Vina Morales. "She's my idol kasi," *Shaina says. "I wanted to be like her." Her expressive eyes and open smile served Shaina well. Aside from winning awards, she's continually appearing in TV shows, made seven movies and has endorsed a cupboard full of products. Yet, Shaina by day remains the quintessential student, as she still goes to school everyday as a sophomore at Our Lord's Grace Montessori. After school, the ward of the ABS-CBN Talent Center fits in all things showbiz, including taping for her three TV shows,* "Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay," "Bida si Mister, Bida si Misis" *and* " Ang Tanging Ina."

While she's known primarily for her dramatic roles, two of Shaina's current TV assignments have given her something new to tackle. "The first time they gave me a comedy role, I realized it was really hard to make people laugh," she says in Filipino.

For most teenagers, Shaina's life is a highly unusual one, but she's grown to love what it brings her: "What's nice is that I get to meet lots of people and make new friends. I meet my idols and work with them." She is quick to add that what people see is the real Magdayao, no fakery, no PR hocus-pocus. To page 5

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The Word

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Politicking

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James and John came to Jesus, saying: "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask.... Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." **Mk 10:35-37**

HERE'S a topic which we in organizations, institutions and various leaderships may feel uneasy about. Those in government, NGOs (non-government organizations), showbiz and other secular concerns are familiar with this topic. It is called politicking.

Politicking has something to do with "being great," "being first," "being on top," "being the best." It may start with some kind of competition for excellence: "being at the top of the class," "being the best swimmer in the Olympics," "being the best actor or actress in a film festival." So far, so good. There is nothing wrong with competing for excellence. It was St. Ireneaus who said that the splendor of God is man/woman fully alive, fully human and "fully fulfilled!"

We are being challenged to work hard at whatever we do and to become the best we could ever be. If you are a teacher, be the best teacher you could ever be. If you are a doctor, a bus driver, or a janitor, be the best in your field.

But it is one thing to compete for excellence and quite another thing to compete for power. That's were politicking comes in. In Mark 10:37, Jesus must have suspected the beginnings of politicking in his small band of followers. James and John presumptuously told Jesus: "Grant to us that, in your glory, we may sit one at your right and one at your left." In Mt 20:20-23, it was their mother, Salome, who brazenly whispered the request which made the politicking more obvious. When the rest of the apostles heard about the politicking of James and John (and their mother), they became indignant, of course.

When I said earlier that politicking is quite recognizable in government, NGOs, showbiz and other "secular" concerns, I said it on purpose because politicking, while it is actually happening in churches and spiritual ministries, is often camouflaged in pious or highfallutin' pharisaic terminology like "service," "obedience," "humility," "vocation," "sacrifice," "God's will" and so on.

If politicking could happen among the apostles in the presence of Jesus, it could happen today—even in the churches. Of course, the Christian churches know their bible. The priests and ministers will point to Luke 10:42-45 and preach to us about "governing by loving," "leading by serving," "being first by being last," and all that. And all the people say "Amen" while asking in their hearts why the ministers and priests who preach to them about "being servant," "being last," "being humble," "being little like a child" are competing with one another for privilege, power and status, elbowing one another out to be first each at the right or left of their immediate superior (who, in turn, might also be competing to come up first at the right or left of his highest ecclesiastical boss).

Being at the right or left hand of the boss (whether secular or ecclesiastical) can enhance our self-image, of course. It can give us certain "securities" and "powers" which are perceived to be essential ingredients of a "successful" public service or spiritual ministry. Being at the right or left hand of the boss (secular or ecclesiastical) can empower us to control, dominate and manipulate others and, like the "rulers of the Gentiles, lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority felt" (Mk 10:42).

Competition for power (not necessarily competition for excellence) inevitably leads to envy, jealousy, crab mentality, suspicion, arrogance, backstabbing precisely because those who play the power game are out to control, dominate and demolish one another. This, sad to say, is what we see happening in the power of State against the Church, church against church, Christians against Christians, priests/ministers and laity against one another in the same church, sometimes even in the name of evangelization and moral recovery.

The temptation to power and privilege is a very overpowering temptation indeed. Charles Ringman, a spiritual writer, said that "these privileges can so captivate us that they become the controlling factor in our life. They prevent us from making the hard choices that involve our integrity, our need to continue to grow as persons, and the challenge of serving the wider community even at the cost of our own securities."

It is not true that privilege and power necessarily enhance our effectiveness as public servants or spiritual ministers. As a spiritual minister, I feel empowered whenever I am able to let go of whatever "ecclesiastical" privilege or status I might have, and "to journey beyond my securities and certainties, and experience powerlessness in order to discover, to my surprise, that ministry can also come not necessarily out of power but also out of weakness." (1 Cor 1:27-31; 2 Cor 12:9-10)

Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

Giving Guide

Time Well Spent

Believe it or not, it's nearing Christmas again, and what better way to celebrate the spirit of giving than by sharing your time and skills with those truly in need? SIM features nonprofit groups that always appreciate any volunteers to spend time with their needy wards. It is never too early to begin the season of giving to the less fortunate. Let's start now.

1. Museo Pambata Resource Center-Book Brigade: The kid-friendly Museo receives thousands of donated books and reading material but they need help to sort out these precious gifts of the written word. You can even read the books during the sorting process. The sorting happens on Dec. 7 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Museo Pambata, Roxas Blvd., Manila. For inquiries, please call Noreen at 523-1797 or 98.

2. Immaculate Conception Parish—Talking Hands: Share your knowledge of arts and craft by teaching hearing-impaired children. You don't even have to know sign language to help out. Please bring your own art supplies. Talking Hands happens on Dec. 1, from 9-11 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Parish Church compound, Plaza Malinao, Pasig City. For inquiries, please call Donna Cruz at 640-7921 or 0916-4337794.

3. KBF-Just Desserts!: Talk about the joy of cooking. Help share kitchen secrets with single mothers as you teach them how to bake cookies, bread and cakes so they can earn their own living. Don't forget to bring your own ingredients for your demonstrations. Just Desserts! will be held on Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Quezon City. For the exact address and inquiries, please call Hands On Manila at 843-7044 or 843-5231.

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Poetry

Prelude to a Parting

I would like to walk with you
all over again, through all the tree-filled places
we knew, the ground that once knew us,
and sit on the rock that was ours.
I would like us to see again
a clear sky that never seemed so clear, to feel
the way leaves feel when they fall. A moment so long,
everything can be said in two words, or three.

All I want is a perfect day

so I can leave you without leaving
you behind, where promises, like photographs,
would keep the distance close.
So trees would sway to a remembered wind.
I would like to leave you a world
so slow, time's voice would be that of the infinite
silence of stones. A place where our walk ends
where we began. Where falling leaves never fall at all.

Vincent Coscolluela

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Linyadong Tula

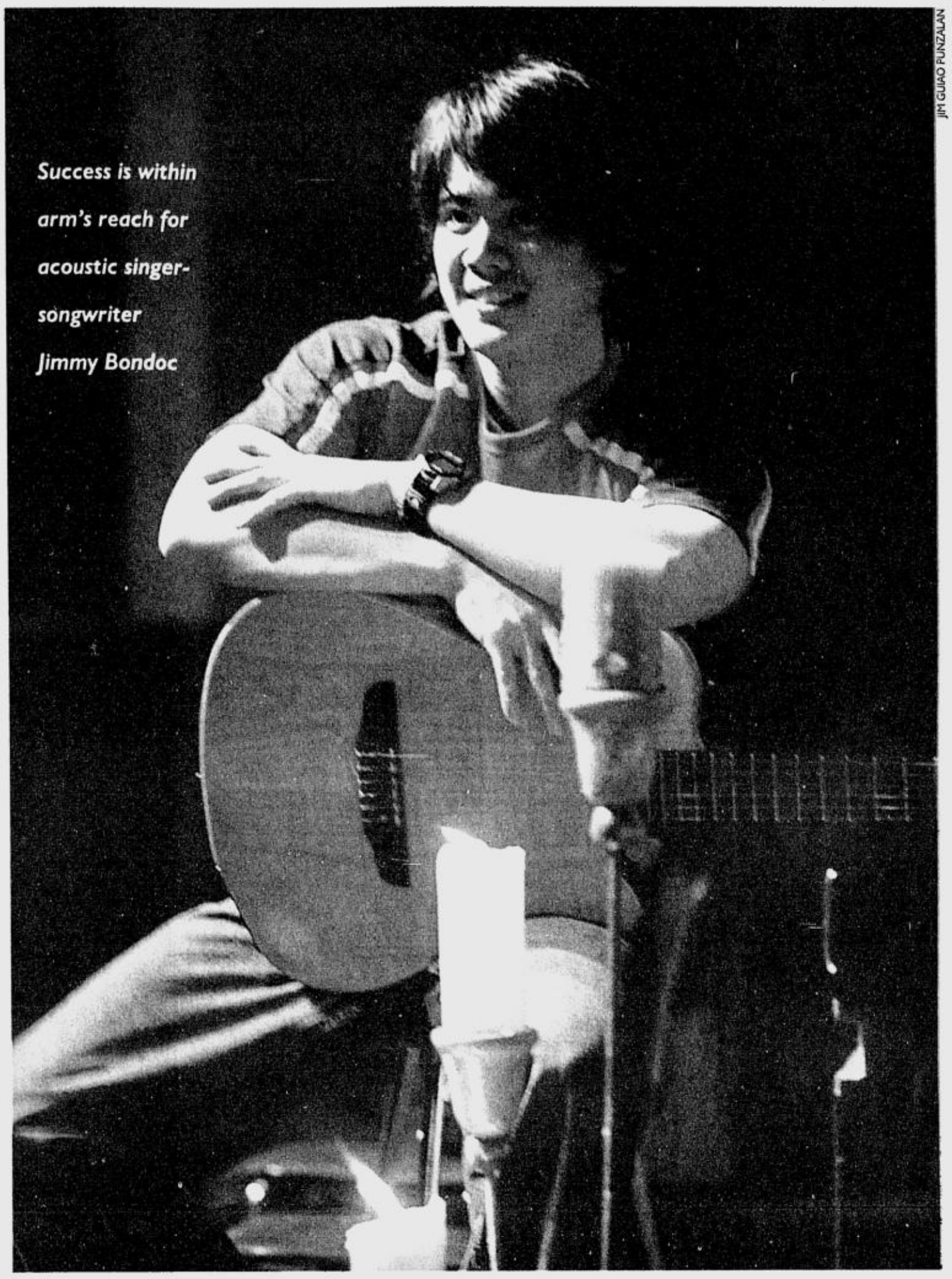
May hagupit ang bawat bagsik ng linyadong tula.
Kumpara sa mga maniobrang
Talinghaga na iniluwal lamang ng haka-haka.
Ng namumugtong isipan.
Tulaan ang espasol na malinamnam
Na nakauuyam pagdating
Sa sikmurang walang laman.
Gutom, uhaw sa sustansiyang asam.
Pansinin ang pintig
Ng hiningang walang kirot at hinagpis.
Sa sinapupunang walang matris.
Iluluwal ang tulang
Hilaw sa karanasan.
Kapos ang kinang.
Aanhin ang tulang masining pa
Sa dakilang obra? Kung balatkayo
Ang taglay na kislap.
Walang pinagkaiba sa panulat
Na di mamulat-mulat.
Makatang may matang pumpon ng talukap.
Dilat man araw at gabi, piniling maging bulag.
Ang linyadong tulang taglay
Ng manlilikhang nagugutom sa daan, sa sariling silid.
Kabigkis ang mga mahihirap at masang anak-pawis.
Patuloy na mabubuhay, iiral ang taludtod at tayutay.
Paulit-ulit mang maliitin, sumpain.
Sasambulat pa rin ang gilas at giting.

Rommel B. Rodriguez

Music Makers

By Fred Samantela

The Next Big Thing



ACOUSTIC singer Jimmy Bondoc has very soft hands, like one to the manor born. So it comes as a surprise to learn that he has no affluent background and that, in fact, he's had a lot of lean times before success in the entertainment circuit made life somewhat easier.

"I had a happy childhood but it was a simple one," recalls Jimmy. "We enjoyed whatever our parents could afford to give us," he says, adding that they were then staying at his maternal grandparents' house. Although his father graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University and was in business, there was a time in the young boy's life when his father's business slowed down and things got really bad. His mother, an interior designer, was, and remains, a homemaker.

As a session musician, Jimmy says he barely made enough money to support himself despite the trappings of an Ateneo education and a Benz that he drove to school. "That belonged to my father who likes vintage cars," he volunteers. He had to borrow money from his band mates because times were really tough for show bands, he recalls. "Honestly I don't know how I survived."

The lean years helped instill love of hard work in him, says Jimmy. "We had domestic help but I had to do chores too. I didn't just sit around the house doing nothing." But his spartan upbringing did not mar his childhood, although some childish tauntings did, he adds. "I was always hanging around with girls and giving them extra attention." Apparently, this was considered unusual among boys his age, and to his dismay, Jimmy found himself the subject of harsh gossip in the grade school playground. His best friends, he found out, had dished out that he was gay. It was a traumatic experience, more so since his so-called good friends started it, he says.

Such talk did not stop Jimmy from treading the straight path, however. He never learned to drink, smoke or do drugs, and he does not miss them, he says. Instead, he got into exercise and sports, becoming a good basketball player in the process.

The support of family is something that Jimmy enjoys as well. His brother helps in his booking and together, they formed the company Magis. It has been a family success since, as members of the family are regularly tapped to do work with the company to advance his career, Jimmy says.

But success has its price, he admits. "Fame is overpowering. It has a lot of trade-offs, but I can't quit now." It's not the money, he adds. "I'm not making that much, but I'm comfortable."

Part of the heartaches of getting there, he adds, is sifting good solid deals from flashy offers. He was traumatized by the system in the recording business, confesses Jimmy. "This record company had our songs for ten years and just sat on them," he complains. It took awhile before he decided to try again, this time doing a demo, "Wings" with a cousin. Together, the cousins produced "Let Me Be The One," which they presented in October 2002 to Joe D' Mango and DJ Eric Perpetua of WAVE 89.1. By December 2002, the song was on heavy rotation in the airwaves. Which, he says, just proves the wisdom of going independent among young musicians and performers.

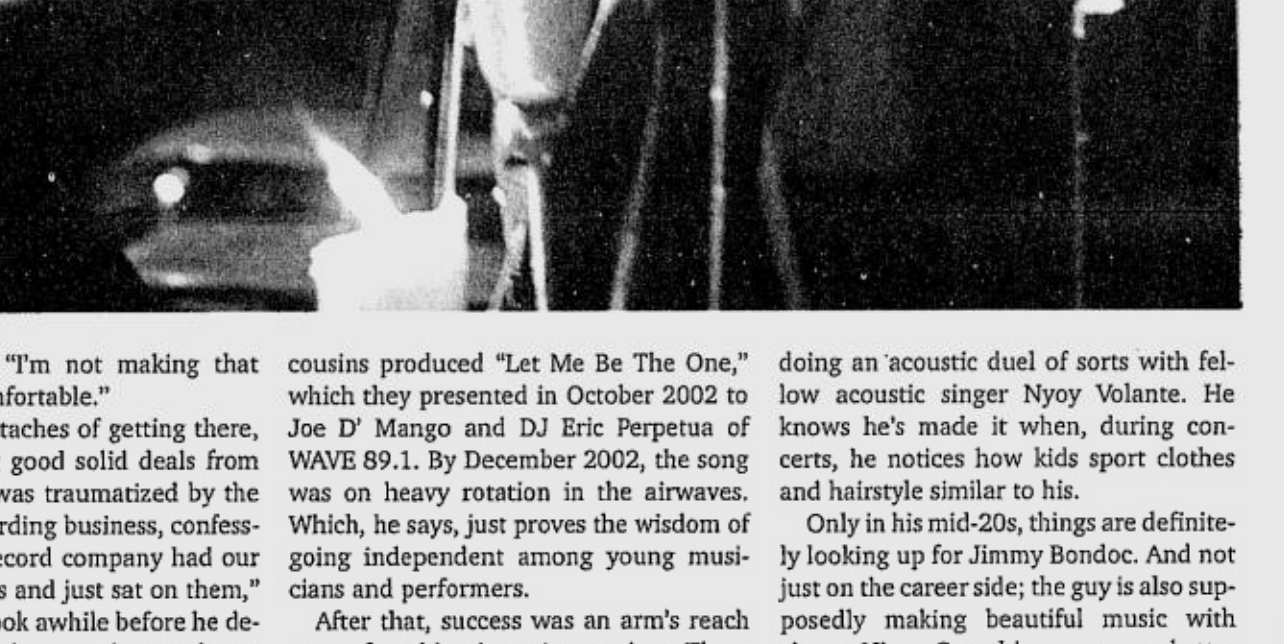
After that, success was an arm's reach away for this singer/songwriter. These days, Jimmy is booked solid, sometimes doing an acoustic duel of sorts with fellow acoustic singer Nyoy Volante. He knows he's made it when, during concerts, he notices how kids sport clothes and hairstyle similar to his.

Only in his mid-20s, things are definitely looking up for Jimmy Bondoc. And not just on the career side; the guy is also supposedly making beautiful music with singer Nina. Can things get any better than this?

Movers and Shakers

By Abe Florendo

The New Women of Bacolod


Bacolod City Mayor Joy Valdez

NEGRENSE women are the quintessential southern belles of lore and vintage LVN movies. They were to the hacienda born, with a silver spoon of *muscovado* in their mouths. They move with the languid hauteur of the rich who, as Fitzgerald said, are different from you and me. Right? Nothing could be more wrong. Yes, they are *graciosa*, as only an Ilongga can be, but they are no different from their cosmopolitan sisters who are tough and driven and ambitious. The more privileged among them also feel noblesse obliged to make a difference in the lives of the people around them, while enriching their own.

Lyn Besa Gamboa is the doyenne of culture in Western Negros, and if anyone dares to contest that, or aspire for the title, he or she should be prepared for the thankless job of nurturing the arts and culture of Negros, which is

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not a funding priority of the local government and other philistine people calloused by difficult economic times. (Gretchen Cojuangco, although a great supporter of the arts, has been heard to dismiss the archness of it all, saying, "Ano'ng culture-culture? I'm just a *jardinera.*")

Lyn likewise has little patience with the elitism connected with arts and culture. "I only want to keep the arts and culture of Negros alive for generations to come," she says. "People are more cohesive and richer for their traditions and history." In everything she's done, she has always involved the people, especially children. When she transformed the Gaston ancestral house in Silay into the Balay Negrense, she got schoolchildren to cut the grass in the yard and polish the floors in the house. Balay Negrense, a re-creation of the sugar-baron lifestyle of yesteryears, is today a landmark in Negros.

More recently, Lyn, now familiar with the enthusiasm of schoolchildren, put up the Museo Pambata in Sagay, north of Bacolod. "It's a beautiful little interactive museum for youngsters," she says. Her crowning glory, however, has got to be The Negros Museum, now relocated to the Old Agricultural Building along Gatuslao St., which sports (upon her insistence) the six Roman columns that were the distinguishing features of its former site at the nearby Capitol building, as well as a museum shop, a coffee shop and bigger function rooms.

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All in the Game

By Joy Rojas

Her Amazing Race

RUDY ESPERAS

COOL weather, calm seas, a rolling bike and run course, and no Japanese contenders in sight: perfect conditions for a respectable top five finish, thought Ani de Leon to herself, as she waited alongside other elite athletes at the starting line of the Sarawak International Triathlon in Malaysia last August 17.

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Tourism maverick
Ruth Cruz

more rooms in new hotels of all sizes, has been strengthening its position as the "alternative" conventions destination, after Manila, Angeles, Cebu.

When she was called home by her family to take up the management of the hotel, Ruth was then living and studying in Europe, mastering the German and French languages in Gottingen, Frankfurt, in Freiburg in the Black Forest and in Nantes, northwest of Paris, with the dream of becoming an interpreter, hopefully at the United Nations, or at a multinational corporation. But family duties beckoned.

The manager's post is distributed on a round-robin scheme among the investors' families. It apparently has not worked: The hotel is now floated on the market, for the right price. Knowledgeable people are saying that if Ruth had been allowed to run the hotel by herself, it would have been going great guns, considering that it's the only hotel in Bacolod with a capacious conference hall and space for small ground-level industrial exhibitions and garden shows.

Culture doyenne
Lyn Gamboa

Ruth has not let up in her efforts to make Bacolod a meetings destination. Through Attain (Alliance of Travel Trade Associations in Negros), organized by the managers of the five big hotels in Bacolod, events are continually being created to draw people from the region and beyond. She's also been active, through Attain, in training and professionalizing tour operators and tour guides in Bacolod—"Tourists, especially Germans, are very specific in their questions about Bacolod's sugar industry, which tour guides are not knowledgeable about"—and in raising greater awareness among people in the barangays on the tourist potential of their charming, rustic communities.

Realizing that the hotel has now become too small for the meetings market, the Cruz family built the 24-room Prominence Inn, a bed-and-breakfast type that fits the Philippine setting well. More recently, Ruth opened The Quiet Place in Bago City, a 20-minute drive from downtown Bacolod, situated in a ricefield bowl cleared for cottages and gardens accommodating 30 to 40 people for small, quiet seminars, and soon a spa offering herbal massage and healing (*lutay*). It is a pioneering agri-tourism project, now popular with student groups and locals, and let everyone know that Ruth is running it herself this time.

Millie Kilayko has been a leading light in the Association of Negros Producers (ANP) since it was born in a time of great distress in Negros Occidental, when world sugar prices plummeted and government took control of sugar trading. That awful

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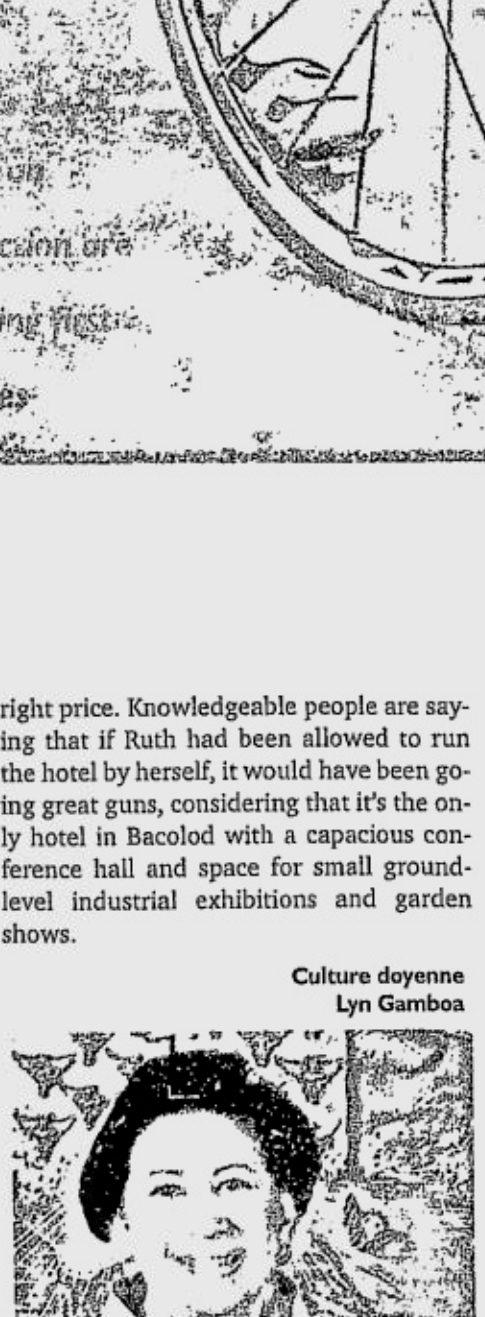
more rooms in new hotels of all sizes, has been strengthening its position as the "alternative" conventions destination, after Manila, Angeles, Cebu.

When she was called home by her family to take up the management of the hotel, Ruth was then living and studying in Europe, mastering the German and French languages in Gottingen, Frankfurt, in Freiburg in the Black Forest and in Nantes, northwest of Paris, with the dream of becoming an interpreter, hopefully at the United Nations, or at a multinational corporation. But family duties beckoned.

The manager's post is distributed on a round-robin scheme among the investors' families. It apparently has not worked: The hotel is now floated on the market, for the right price. Knowledgeable people are saying that if Ruth had been allowed to run the hotel by herself, it would have been going great guns, considering that it's the only hotel in Bacolod with a capacious conference hall and space for small ground-level industrial exhibitions and garden shows.

Culture doyenne
Lyn Gamboa



Ruth has not let up in her efforts to make Bacolod a meetings destination. Through Attain (Alliance of Travel Trade Associations in Negros), organized by the managers of the five big hotels in Bacolod, events are continually being created to draw people from the region and beyond. She's also been active, through Attain, in training and professionalizing tour operators and tour guides in Bacolod—"Tourists, especially Germans, are very specific in their questions about Bacolod's sugar industry, which tour guides are not knowledgeable about"—and in raising greater awareness among people in the barangays on the tourist potential of their charming, rustic communities.

Realizing that the hotel has now become too small for the meetings market, the Cruz family built the 24-room Prominence Inn, a bed-and-breakfast type that fits the Philippine setting well. More recently, Ruth opened The Quiet Place in Bago City, a 20-minute drive from downtown Bacolod, situated in a ricefield bowl cleared for cottages and gardens accommodating 30 to 40 people for small, quiet seminars, and soon a spa offering herbal massage and healing (*lutay*). It is a pioneering agri-tourism project, now popular with student groups and locals, and let everyone know that Ruth is running it herself this time.

Millie Kilayko has been a leading light in the Association of Negros Producers (ANP) since it was born in a time of great distress in Negros Occidental, when world sugar prices plummeted and government took control of sugar trading. That awful

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Shaina ...from page 1

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And the people have apparently taken her for what she is—and then some, all at the age of 13. And now, she's growing up, getting taller, prettier and more confident each day. Her affectionate public can hardly wait. With her unlimited potential as an actress and her wholesome celebrity, the poised Shaina seems destined to become the next big thing, a star in ascendency. To look upon Shaina Magdayao is to be mesmerized by the future of Philippine show business itself.

Excerpts from SIM's chat with the up-and-coming actress:

Sunday Inquirer Magazine: You've been portraying characters who are wholesome and on the nice side. Is this typecasting or are you really this nice?

Shaina: They really give me wholesome roles because that's the image that I project. I really don't see myself as being a *contrabida*. I'm nice *din. (Laughs)*

SIM: You're growing up now. What adjustments are you making to adapt to the new challenges of your career?

Shaina: Now, I'm more focused. I'm more serious with my work. Before, I looked at it as all *laro-laro lang* (just a game) when I went to the set. But now that my roles are more serious, I'm also more serious when I get to the set.

SIM: You're still in school while in showbiz. What are your future academic plans?

Shaina: That's my biggest goal, to finish my studies. I want to take up medicine and become a pediatrician someday. But I don't think I'll be able to finish medicine because of my career. So maybe child psychology or anything related to medicine, okay *na ako doon*.

SIM: How busy are you, really?

Shaina: Very busy! Three shows! For *"Kay Tagal,"* I tape twice a week. For *"Tanging Ina,"* once. For *"Bida,"* once a week so I'm *sobrang* busy.

SIM: So what do you enjoy doing when you're not working?

Shaina: I like babysitting my *pamangkins*. I can be a *yaya*. My older sister Sheila calls me and when I have no work, I like taking care of her kids.

SIM: Your elder sister Vina sings and acts. Do you want a career somewhat similar to hers or do you want something completely different?

Shaina: I want a career like hers. She's the reason I entered showbiz. My first love is really acting. If given a chance to make an album, why not?

SIM: Intrigue is inescapable in this industry, as your sister has discovered. How have you prepared yourself for such future situations now that people are noticing you and talking about you?

Shaina: *Hay naku*. As much as I can, I don't want to be somebody people can talk about, but I think it's normal *lang*. Actually, I'm not really prepared and I can't see myself being talked about like that. *Sobrang* hate *ko yung mga iyon*, but I think it's part of showbiz.

SIM: What's the hardest thing about growing up in the public eye?

Shaina: *Walang* privacy. You have to be really careful. You're not really free to do whatever you want.

SIM: Is there an actress whose career path you'd like to emulate?

Shaina: Not really, but I'd like to have a career like *Tita* Gloria Romero's. She's been in the business for so long *kasi*.

SIM: You're excellent in dramatic roles. But you're not really a sad person, are you?

Shaina: No, I'm not! If you watch me, I just laugh and laugh. Sometimes, they scold me because of it. But I do cry easily. I don't know if it's true, but they say scorpios like me need an outlet when they get pissed. My outlet is to cry *na lang*, I guess.

SIM: What's the one thing you're most afraid of?

Shaina: I'm afraid of cockroaches. Yuck.

SIM: You really like music, so what do you like listening to these days?

Shaina: Paolo Santos is whom I listen to the most these days. John Mayer also.

SIM: Both you and your sister are so busy. Do you still have time to do things together?

Shaina: Yes, actually, we try to meet up once a week. We shop together and watch movies together.

SIM: What's your favorite possession?

Shaina: I got this Technomarine watch from my sponsor, that and my cellphone.

SIM: Any plans for a boyfriend, if your parents approve, of course?

Shaina: I am not allowed to have a boyfriend. *(Smiles and shakes her head)* I am not! Not yet. My mom's cool with suitors, but no to boyfriends so far.

SIM: You're too old now to be doing kids' roles, but are too young to be doing full-fledged romantic parts. Are you looking forward to being able to handle those roles?

Shaina: Yeah, of course. I don't want to be stuck *naman* playing roles like these. I want my roles to mature *din naman*. I really prefer to do more drama. They told me they'll rest me for a while, so they let me do some comedy for a change. And they're talking about giving me my own soap opera someday, so hopefully ABS-CBN will trust me with that.

SIM: You plan to do all that and school at the same time?

Shaina: Yes, because I can handle it *naman, eh*. I'm lucky because I've been going to the same school since pre-school so they understand my situation. They tell me when I need to cut down on my absences. And I sometimes take a break from showbiz when I need to concentrate on schoolwork.

SIM: So are you still enjoying yourself?

Shaina: Yes, I am, very much enjoying myself actually, because I'm enjoying myself in school. Showbiz hasn't been getting in the way of my studies because I can balance them, so I'm happy.

SIM: Are you excited to be growing up and becoming a young lady soon?

Shaina: I'm excited, but I'm not *nagmamadali*. I'm really enjoying my teenage life.

The precocious Shaina (as child star, left) has blossomed into a graceful young woman

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time saw 84 percent of Negrenses living below the poverty line and 60 percent of their children languishing in malnutrition. "Many people left the province to seek greener pastures elsewhere," recalls Millie, "and many others ran to the hills to embrace ideologies which promised a better life after violent change."

A handful of Negrenses, mostly housewives, sought better alternatives. Coming from seminars in Manila on starting a kitchen or backyard business with certain crafts and skills, the women shared their knowledge with wives of farm workers. They had to be very inventive, as western Negros did not have a tradition of crafts they could call their own, like the Ifugaos and Maranaos have with their weaving and woodcarving. This gave rise to the Association of Negros Producers (ANP).

Entrepreneurial pioneer Millie Kilayko

Millie gave ANP a larger vision and a more professional stance. Under her presidency, the ANP implemented the projects of then President Ramos's National Economic Enterprise Development (NEED). "In partnership with DTI, among others, we helped handicraft producers in the 20 poorest provinces," she says. "Many times I could not believe what I was doing—riding public buses with chickens and pigs through the mountains, going to remote areas where government troops and rebels were clashing."

Many of the entrepreneurs coming from these poor areas have gone on to participate in big trade shows. "My greatest joy is when they come to me and boast to me about their sales figures—and I find that their figures exceed my own!"

In 2000, the 12th anniversary of ANP, Millie worked for the creation of the Negros Island Inc. (NII), with the ANP holding majority ownership and the balance of shares of stock available to individual producers and other Negrenses invited as investors. "In an era of global competitiveness, small and medium-sized entrepreneurs like us will find it increasingly difficult to compete in the international market and join expensive trade shows if we continue to do things as individuals." The 2002 European show organized by NII on a collective basis proved her point: "Buyers were standing in line for their turn at our 54-square-meter booth. They liked the idea of having to deal with only one company to commit the quality, production and delivery of the goods."

Since ANP has other priorities to serve, Millie and two friends have offered to buy majority ownership of NII and run it like a business outfit, with ANP still holding some shares of stocks. Millie also announces that ANP will be opening its showroom in Manila—"a dream for ANP members for the past 10 years"—this month, at 2205 Zobel St., San Miguel Village, Makati. "The showroom offers not only Negrense products but the best of the islands," Millie says.

These days, Millie, together with a partner, is into horticulture and the production of ceramic home accessories, called Poetry in Clay, for export. Their latest venture is the Garden Center, a restaurant amidst blooms and foliage in the heart of the city. Will she ever stop coming up with new projects or new ventures? "I guess not," she says. "As long as there's an opportunity to create one more job, to bring in one more tourist, and to earn one more peso or dollar to help our economy in a little way."

Joy S.Valdez is the incumbent mayor of Bacolod City, the first elected woman mayor in the city's history. She also happens to be an outsider (*tapik*, in the derogatory word of the Bacolodnons), the daughter of a cardiologist from Pangasinan, who's married into a family of schoolteachers from Pontevedra. Her husband is presently the DOTC Undersecretary.

"You cannot imagine the odds against me when I first joined Bacolod politics," she says. "Bacolod is a very feudal society; I simply didn't belong." But like Lyn Gamboa, Joy Valdez had her heart in the best for Bacolod, although it didn't help at first that family and friends sternly warned her that "politics is a dirty game *at puro lalake ang kasama mo* (you'll be in the company of men)." From being the first woman councilor in Bacolod during the term of Mayor Alfredo Montelibano to vice mayor and then mayor, she has became the icon of a growing feminist group in that city.

Joy, before she joined politics, had worked as voluntary worker and consultant of the World Health Orgnization (WHO) in its program to "demystify" rehabilitation, especially in its work for children with disabilities. "WHO realized that it worked better in the Philippine situation to deal with children with disabilities at home by teaching their parents to handle them than to commit the children to an institution," she explains. Her ability to work in different communities and deal with people from all walks of life was "probably my greatest strength when I joined politics," she says.

This, together with a woman's unfailing intuition for what people need and aspire for and coupled with the compassion and will to do something about it, is what Joy as a woman is bringing to Bacolod's feudal politics. And she's doing it very well indeed. The Asian Institute of Management has named Bacolod "The Most Livable City" in the country, and the Clean and Green Program has catapulted it to the Hall of Fame for winning the environmental contest three years in a row. Her administration has also been rated excellent by a local productivity performance test in the areas of economic and social services and environmental protection.

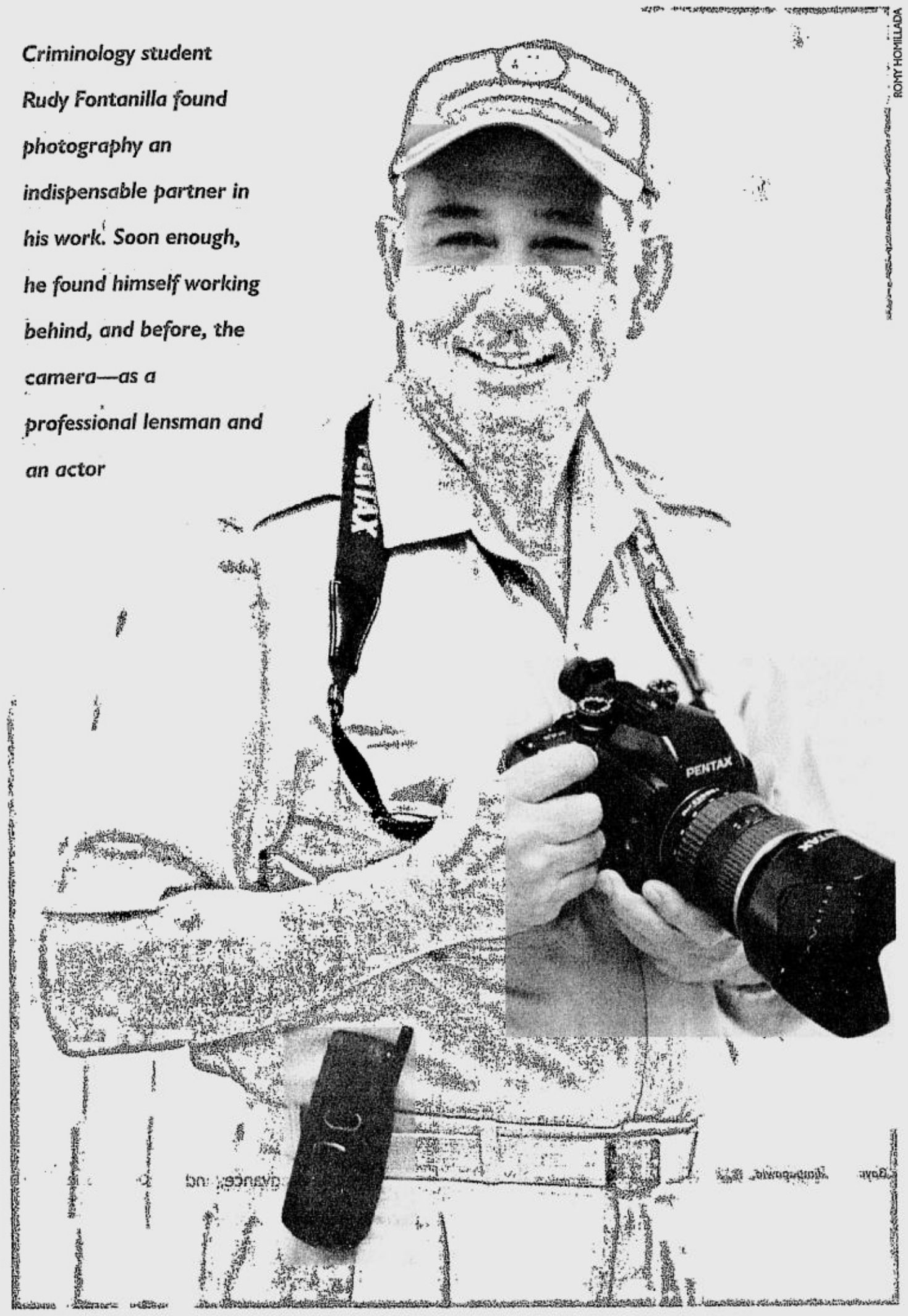
Mayor Joy was in Manila recently to help promote the Masskara Festival in Bacolod, which climaxes with colorful street-dancing today, October 19, Sunday. "Masskara is a people's festival," she says. "We want to keep it that way." She is indeed a mayor who knows her people.

Twists of Fate

By Teresita Cruz

From Both Sides of the Lens

Criminology student Rudy Fontanilla found photography an indispensable partner in his work. Soon enough, he found himself working behind, and before, the camera—as a professional lensman and an actor



ROMY HOMILLADA

IT ALL started with James Bond. Agent 007's devil-may-care attitude, rumpus missions and death-defying stunts led Rudy Fontanilla to take up criminology at the University of Negros Occidental. Halfway through the course, however, he realized that photography had become an indispensable tool of the trade—a partner in crime, so to speak.

"You need photography for ballistic purposes, for dactyloscopy (the comparison of fingerprints for identification.), forensics, questionable documents and forgery, and to identify suspects," he says. Soon enough, he discovered that his real interest lay in taking photographs.

A native of Antique, Fontanilla was a small-town boy at heart whose childhood pursuits revolved around hunting and fishing. Criminology opened doors to a more exotic world. Even as a student, he started working as a criminal investigation officer at the defunct Philippine Constabulary (now PNP), who took pictures for forensic investigations.

But just as Fontanilla was starting to warm up to his profession, life took an expeditious U-turn. Upon the prodding of his cousins Anna Abiera and Ricky Davao, he decided to go to Manila and pursue a career in show biz. He started as a ramp and commercial model before Sampaguita Pictures signed him up. The criminology student starred in about 30 movies, including *"Iginuhit ng Tadhana," "Ang Salarin," "Comrade X"* and *"Palikero Numero Uno."* He was also chosen as the only Filipino to play a centurion's part in *"Cenaculo,"* an Austrian-German production that was internationally released.

Fontanilla fondly remembers his showbiz days with colleagues Gloria Romero, Rosemarie Sonora, Chiqui Somes, Romeo Vasquez, Walter Navarro and many others. "Even if you don't earn well, if you're part of the limelight, *ang saya-saya,*" (it's so much fun), he recalls.

But he soon tired of the klieg lights and being in front of cameras. Why not go back behind one? The criminologist-actor then packed his bags and took up a photography course in New York, where lighting became his favorite subject. He later joined the Professional Photographers of America and specialized in doing wedding portraits for his American clients.

Good will among his colleagues is something that Fontanilla believes is important if one is to succeed in the field. "Be friendly and maintain good relations with other photographers," he advises. "They are the first people to speak well of you."

Fontanilla enjoys a wide and extensive clientele that includes ordinary folk and ambassadors. Getting the right angle, the best side of people and capturing them in photographs isn't that easy, he says. It is important to make people relax, he adds. "I invite ambassadors over to my house for lunch and get them talking," he says. As they lose themselves in conversation, the photographer casts his keen eye on their facial structure. "Familiarization with your subject is very important because it helps the subject act and appear natural in front of the camera," he adds. Humor is just as important, as a well-timed joke can make clients smile and eliminate some initial stiffness in their pictures, says Fontanilla.

As actor in the '60s

This peripatetic photographer draws his inspiration from American photographers Tom and Jo Alice McDonald, who also specialize in portraiture, and from his own family-wife Dr. Evangeline Carandang, a practicing gynecologist at Lourdes Hospital, and three towering children. Alas, none of the three, who all inherited his six-footer frame, have followed in his footsteps. "But they're all making a name for themselves in their own fields," he says proudly.

Eldest son Ian, a UP scholar, has just left for the United Kingdom to pursue his doctorate degree in molecular genetics at Nottingham College. Ryan is a medical intern at the Philippine General Hospital, and Bryan is finishing his computer science degree at the De La Salle University.

Now that's what one calls a picture-perfect life.

A wedding photograph by Rudy

With actress Rosemarie

By Jess Abrera

Counting Rhymes

Art

To raise funds for the medical needs of indigent patients of the Philippine General Hospital, the PGH Medical Foundation presents the **latest works of Impy Pilapil** at The Gallery of the Manila Peninsula Hotel from Oct. 24-26 only. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the Foundation's Save A Life Program.

Reality of Abstraction, a series of works in watercolor by Francisco Pellicer Viri, at the Crucible Gallery, Artwalk, SM Megamall A until Oct. 26.

Extra Mile for Women and Water, a fundraising exhibit featuring works by different artists at the SSS Art Gallery, 2/F, SSS Building, East Avenue, QC until Oct. 30. Proceeds will be used to finance the construction of five water pump systems in the barangays of Catubig, Northern Samar; Pikit, North Cotabato and certain areas in Antipolo. For inquiries, call 426-1126.

Jack Salud's "Spring Lullaby," on view at Gallery 139

Mirrored Images, a collective exhibit of 24 contemporary prints made by some of the country's leading printmakers, at the Alliance Total Gallery, 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati City until Oct. 31.

Paintings/Installations/Objects II, works in acrylic on canvas, smaller works in paper and canvas, and small sculptures all composed as part of an organic whole by Nestor Olarte Vinluan, at the Magnet Gallery Quezon City, The Loop, ELJ Center, ABS-CBN Compound until Nov. 1.

Whisper Me a Multitude of Dots, Jack Salud's interpretation of tranquility and silence on seven large scale canvases, until Nov. 5 at Gallery 139, 3/L, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center.

Zeneida Amador explains it all in "Late Nite Cathechism," onstage at the RCBC Plaza

Oasis, Czarina "Reina" Cruz's exhibit of 11 small-scale mixed media artworks at Starbucks 6750 Ayala Avenue, Makati until Nov. 20.

Apatnapu't Apat na Dapithapon, artworks by Vivian N. Limpin and Teta Tulay at Likha-Diwa sa Gulod, UP until Nov. 8. For inquiries, call Del 925-5522.

Bayan sa Himpapawid, an exhibit exploring Philippine popular culture in relation to the broadcast media, at the CCP Small Gallery and 4th Floor Hallway until November 30. The display consists of sections featured in a tableau-like setting, showing programs such as "*Tawag ng Tanghalan*," "Student Canteen," "*Pusong Sawi*," "*Radyo Bandido*," "*Kuwentong Kutsero*" and other shows. For details, contact the CCP Broadcast Division at 832-1125 local 1702-1703.

Music

Jazz Nights. Spend an evening of rhythm and blues with saxophonist Vince Lahorra every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Cafe Renzo, G/F, LRI Business Plaza, 210 N. Garcia St., Bel-Air II, Makati City. For details, call 898-2542.

Crossover Concert presents Regine Velasquez at the Captain's Bar of Mandarin Oriental, Manila on Oct. 23 and 30 at 8 p.m. Tickets available at P700 per person plus an additional P380++ for the first drink of your choice (except premium brands, cognac and champagne). For inquiries, call 750 8888 ext. 2417.

Dream Sequence will be performing favorite pop and R&B covers at Tapika Restaurant Bar on Oct. 21 and 28, Belleview Hotel's 20/20 Restaurant on Thursdays, and Stars Venue Pasay Road on Fridays. For bookings, contact Francis Capistrano at 0917-8918874.

Onstage

Late Nite Cathechism, a religious comedy about a nun who teaches an adult cathechism class starring Zeneida Amador and Baby Barredo, goes onstage at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza, Ayala Avenue, Makati City on Oct. 19, 23, 24 and 26 at 8 p.m. Tickets available at the RCBC Theater or call 889-1246.

Food

Every Friday is **Seafood Nights at Paseo Uno** of the Mandarin Oriental where a smorgasbord of seafood delights is offered from its famed Asian and Western kitchens in addition to its traditional gustatory fare. For reservations, call 750-8888 ext. 2413.

Pacific Wharf Restaurant in Tomas Morato St., QC is having a **Seafood Festival** until Nov. 30 showcasing a wide array of sumptuous and mouth-watering seafood dishes like Seafood Fiesta Platter, Char-Grilled Salmon, Grilled Mahi-mahi, Bullwhacker's Grilled Tuna Belly and Pacific Dory Fillet. For reservations, call 926-3572 or 926-3568.

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The Office of the Presidential Adviser for Academics and Research of De La Salle University-Manila, in cooperation with DLSU Press, launches **Occupation '42**, a war chronicle by Benito J. Legarda, Jr., at Banquet Halls A and B of the DLSU-College of St. Benilde Hotel, Angelo King International Center, on Oct. 21 at 5:30 P.M. The book records the first year of the Pacific phase of the World War II as it affected Filipino civilian life. For details, Carol Dimalanta at 781-2265, Joy Villareal at 526-5052, or Lorie Jurilla at 536-1761.

PSR, the latest AM radio infotainment program targeting the sexually active and high-risk young Filipino adults, airs every Friday from 8-9 p.m. over DZME 1530 khz. "PSR" or *Pag-ibig, Seks at Relasyon* (Love , Sex and Relationships), a one-hour drama-cum-interactive chat program written by a young batch of creative writers from various universities and headed by Rene O. Villanueva, hopes to present real-life problems and situations that the 15 to 24 age group encounter. For details, call Kelly Balazo at 925-8066.

To complement the ongoing Zero-In exhibition "Essence and Sympathies" at the Lopez Museum, Prof. Oscar V. Campomanes of the UST Center for Creative Writing and Studies will give a lecture called **Towards a Filipino American Aesthetics and Politics** on Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Lopez Museum, Ortigas Center. Admission is P100. Contact Fanny at 631-2417 or 449-2355.

The British Council is mounting a **workshop on contemporary jazz and hip-hop** to be held on Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 8-9 at the Airdance studios, 2/F, The Outlet Yard, 1480 Quezon Avenue, QC. Workshop sessions will run from 1-3 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Outstanding participants will be part of the production "Jazz in Time," a concert featuring British jazz legend Courtney Pine, back-to-back with top Filipino artists. For details, call 914-1011 or 373-3567.

Bust a move with the British Council's jazz and hip-hop workshop

On Oct. 26, Faber-Castell leads the way to a scare-free **Halloween Children's Party** at the Quezon Ballroom, Makati Shangri-La with a special colorful nook where fun awaits kids who prefer to dabble in art. Coloring sheets of different designs and coloring materials are available to children who will be participating. Faber-Castell will also be giving away gift packages to kids who will successfully come up with really scary and colorful artworks. For tickets and inquiries, call Makati Shangri-la at 813-8888.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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On Oct. 24-25, Lyceum is offering a two-day **cooking course on Christmas goodies and giveaways** at the CIHM Multi-Media Room/Laboratory from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course will be conducted by chefs Nelson Leo Roque and Ramon Castillo. Training fee is P2,500 inclusive of handouts, ingredients and certificate of attendance. Reservation is on a first come, first served basis. For inquiries and reservations, call 404-3115 and 527-8251 to 56 loc. 132.

"The Natural Circuit" by Francisco Pellicer Viri, on exhibit at the Crucible Gallery

Celebrate a **Halloween Animal Weekend** on Oct. 25 -26 at The Outlet Yard located along Quezon Avenue, near the corner of Scout Borremeo. On Oct. 25, it's Animal Fun with the Philippine Animal Welfare Society. Kids will enjoy an afternoon of games and activities about their favorite animals for free. On Oct. 26, it's a Halloween Pet Party for kids and their favorite pets. Parents can register their kids and their pets after presenting a single or accumulated receipts worth P200 at the admin office. Special prizes will be given to children who dress up their pets in a Halloween get-up. For more information, please call 373 3528.

The Pacific Dory Fillet from Pacific Wharf Restaurant's Seafood Festival

The University of Asia and the Pacific School of Management invites youth leaders to sign up for the **5th APEC Future Leaders Forum** to be held on Nov. 3 to 8 at the UA&P campus in Ortigas Center with the theme "Young Leaders for Culture Change: Promoting Excellence, Enterprise, and Sustainable Development." The forum will address the importance of education in skills development and knowledge management to prepare the youth for the new economy. For details on how to join, call 637-0912 ext. 224, e-mail rsanjuan@uap.edu.ph or visit www.apase-int.com.

ABS-CBN will hold a **free intensive scriptwriting workshop** to be conducted by award-winning scriptwriter Ricky Lee. The workshop is open to high school graduates who are at least 18 years old. Applicants must have a passion for writing, coupled with a keen interest to pursue a career in TV and/or cinema. No previous professional writing experience is required. Only 30 participants will be selected. Registration days are on Oct. 26 and Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at ABS-CBN Studio 1 Plaza. Applicants are requested to bring a valid identification and two passport-size photos. For inquiries, call 928-9557 or 411-2020 or e-mail writersdevt@abs.pinoycentral.com.

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Seminar-workshop on Preventive Conservation of Cultural Objects, sponsored by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts will be facilitated by members of the Philippine Association for Scientific Conservation of Cultural Property on Oct. 20-22 at Museo De La Salle, DLSU-Dasmariñas campus in Cavite. Also, "I Love Museums" by John Silva, a lecture-seminar aimed to promote museum-going among public school teachers, will be held on Nov. 15. For inquiries, call (046) 416-4397.

Experience a fiesta San Jose, Batangas style with food, plants, art exhibit, native crafts and Christmas bazaar on Oct. 25 and 26 at **Cafe Casa Rap**, Km. 90, Banay-Banay, San Jose, Batangas. For details, call Sister Emma Alday at (043) 726-2873 or 0916-2126685.

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it's genetics, but De Leon is quick to point out that apart from her older sister (a swimmer and triathlete as well), hers is a family of artists and intellectuals. Her grandfather, Felipe de Leon, is National Artist for Music, her father Jun de Leon teaches Humanities, and her mom Anna Leah Sarabia is a feminist who runs the NGO Women's Media Circle.

Mentally, De Leon's strategies range from the sensible ("To do the task at hand") to the strange. At the Matabungkay Ironman, U2's "Beautiful Day" kept playing over and over in her head. As for diet, De Leon confesses guility, "If anything, I eat more junk food than the others. So I'm sorry! I can't give you anything else because there's no secret. *Wala talaga*!"

Perhaps the fact that she doesn't think triathlon 24/7 helps. A practicing interior designer and co-owner of Lupon, a lifestyle store at the Glorietta 4 in Ayala Center, Makati, she recently went back to her first love—art. "I like to capture feelings," says the abstractionist, who is a freshman painting major at the University of the Philippines' College of Fine Arts. After-training hours find her hanging out with friends (athletes and otherwise) or catching up on the latest movies. And though she practices daily, this National Team triathlete won't hesitate to ease up for days—or even a month—"when I'm too tired or it starts to feel like a chore. But overall, I still enjoy it," she says. "Especially on weekends when there are no client calls or plates to do. When I'm only doing this, I'm really happy."

That happiness extends all the way to the starting line of triathlons, where De Leon, amid opponents suffering from prerace jitters, will go out of her way to make everyone feel relaxed. "I crack jokes. And they know that they can approach or text me for advice," she says, dispelling the notion that she is an athlete to be feared. Revered is more like it. "If people get to know me, they'll see that I'm not a snob," says this tanned and toned 28-year-old. "They'll say, '*O, tao din pala ito* (Hey, she's human after all)."

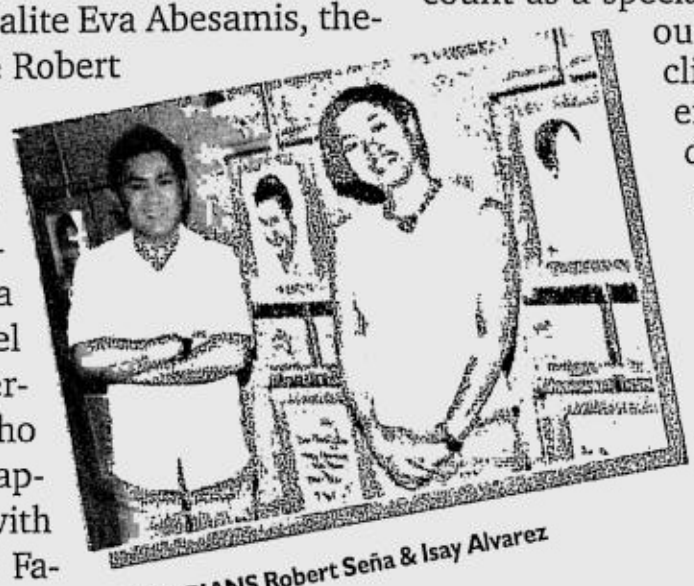
The Big October Beauty Experience

FACIAL CARE CENTRE'S 21ST ANNIVERSARY

THE STARS were smiling at the Facial Care Centre! Celebrities, models, and VIP clients were all smiling as Facial Care Centre celebrated its 21st anniversary.

ACTRESS/Model Chesca Garcia

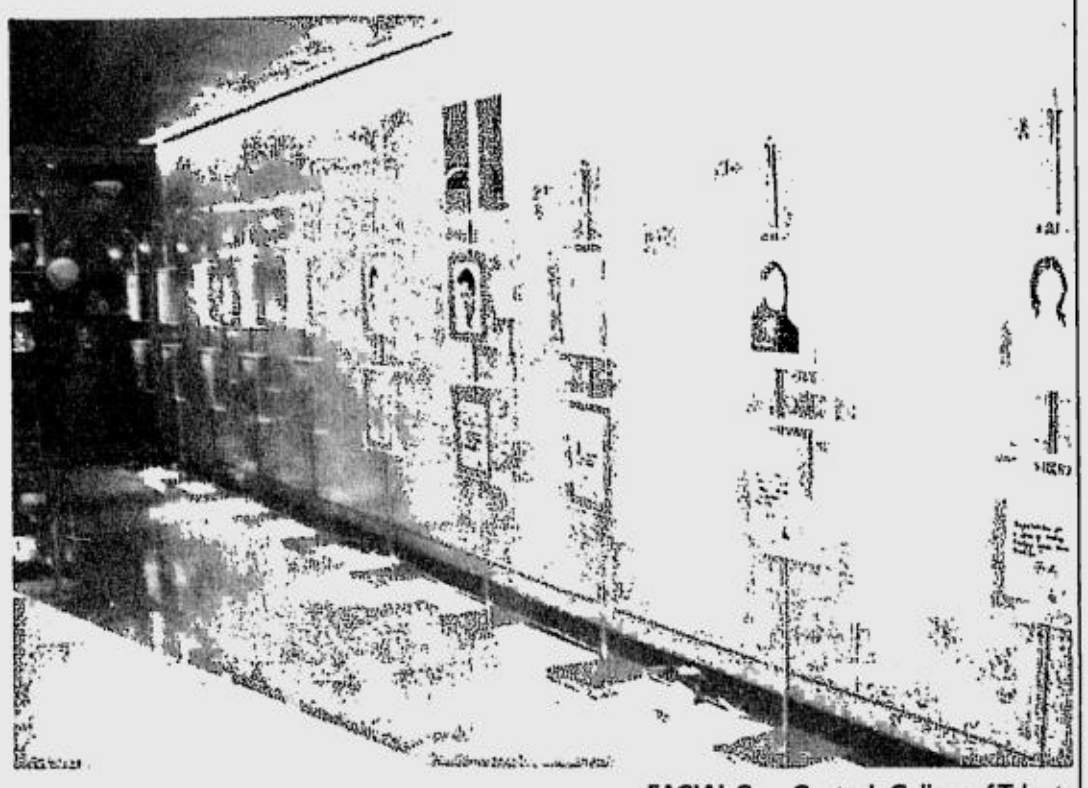
On October 9 & 10, 2003, the country's leading skincare expert toasted 21 successful years of giving both men and women healthy, younger-looking skin. During the 2-day celebration, the different faces of Facial Care Centre graced the occasion. They include: long-time client and businesswoman Irene Salud, designer/socialite Eva Abesamis, theater celebrity couple Robert Seña and Isay Alvarez, long-time client and model Patty Betita, actress/model Chesca Garcia, and model Amina Aranaz. Different personalities who have always been happy and satisfied with the effectiveness of Facial Care Centre's treatments.



THESPIANS Robert Seña & Isay Alvarez

As Isay attests, "For us actors, LaserLight (Hair Removal) is really one of the greatest things to come along." Her husband Robert agrees, "I'm really impressed with the effect of Facial Care's treatments on my wife that's why I enrolled, too. And until now, we're really happy with it."

A pioneer in the beauty and skincare industry, Facial Care Centre has always been first to bring in the latest technological breakthroughs in skincare to the Philippines. Hence, the whole month of October - dubbed The Big October Beauty Experience - is dedicated to Skindulgence: a luxurious skincare experience where we're giving away up to 40% discount as a special treat! So both our long-time clients and new enrollees can indulge in the professional service, skincare expertise, and the most pleasurable skin pampering only the Facial Care Centre can give.



FACIAL Care Centre's Gallery of Talents

On the anniversary day alone, members of the media were treated to the Facial Care Centre's pampering. They were able to experience the new treatment which FCC will be introducing soon - the Diamond Peel.

FCC's Makati Manager Ms. Aivee Crawley with Ms. Amina Aranaz

Indeed, the whole month is dedicated to making everyone satisfied and happy by giving them a chance to experience beautiful, younger-looking skin and the ultimate Skindulgence. Come see for yourself!

Call the Facial Care Centre NOW for a FREE consultation: 815-2539.

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Photo Contest brings back barkada memories

By Claire Marie Algarme

IF YOU happen to drop by Glorietta lately, you probably have found yourself stopping at photo exhibits and taking a good look at them. One of the exhibits that would have caught your attention is that of Jollibee, which they dubbed as the "Say Bee!" Photo Contest.

Viewing the gallery of photos, once could not help but be awed by the talents of these photographers in telling a story about life, love, family and friendship using a product as a theme. Photos of friends strolling at the park, students studying for a midterm exam, and college girls just hanging out at the campus grounds reminded me of my own college life, which was not so long ago.

In between classes, with gaps that would have taken for eternity, my friends and I would hastily take a jeepney ride to Philcoa to cool off the heat of the day and the after effects of the lectures and class presentations. While enjoying a Choco Sundae, we would talk about almost anything under the sun from ghost stories in Palma Hall to who's-seen-with-whom trivialities, oblivious of the looks that people would give us whenever we laugh out loud.

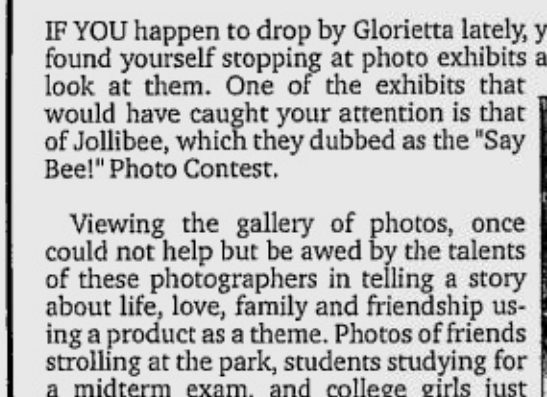
BRIGIDO Alcayde's "What Time Is It" - Getting that magnificent spot at the campus is a jackpot. Enjoy this moment with your dearest friend and a Jollibee meal and find break time as funtime.

Some of you must have spent your entire afternoon sitting under the trees chatting and laughing until your faces grow limp and weary. Well, my classmates and I would do just that. There were even times that we would just take some Yumburgers and French fires with us, hang out at the Sunken Garden and make a story out of people's expressions. Believe me, they may seem silly but they brought us so much fun! Well, not to mention those times when we'd blush whenever our crushes would pass in front of us.

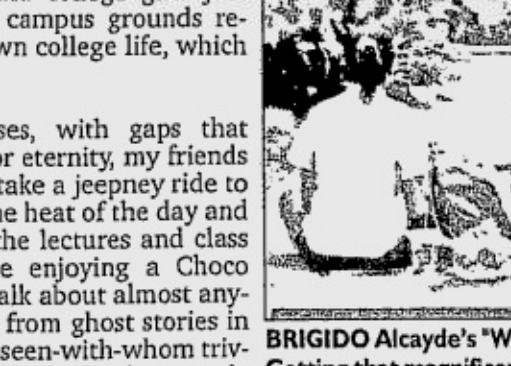
There were even times when we had to spend nights for study groups. "Study" may include reviewing for the exams as well as chatting about things here and there. Following a few hours of adrenaline rush, our giggles and snickers would wear off. The chips we brought along and the Spaghetti Special we bought "to-go" were the only things that kept us awake.

After a grueling exam, the group is out for fun again. We would all troop to the nearest Jollibee store and reward ourselves with Chickenjoy and desserts. If the rest of the day were free, we would go to the mall, watch movies and relax. For students like us then, these ordinary pleasures are a luxury, given our limited resources and time.

Indeed, they were just simple moments but they have brought laughter and cheers to my friends and me. Student life if full of excitement and joy especially when spent with friends and fun-to-be-with people. Whew! If only I have the guts to still ask allowance from my parents and go back to the university, I would gladly do so. But after getting my diploma, I feel I really have to be on my own and make myself relevant to society at large.



JINGLE Romualdo's "Namumukod Tangi Ang Ngiting Jollibee" - It's hot in the city! Count on Jollibee to beat the heat with its cool desserts. Enjoy it anytime, anywhere, even in public transport like the Philippine's pride, the jeepney.

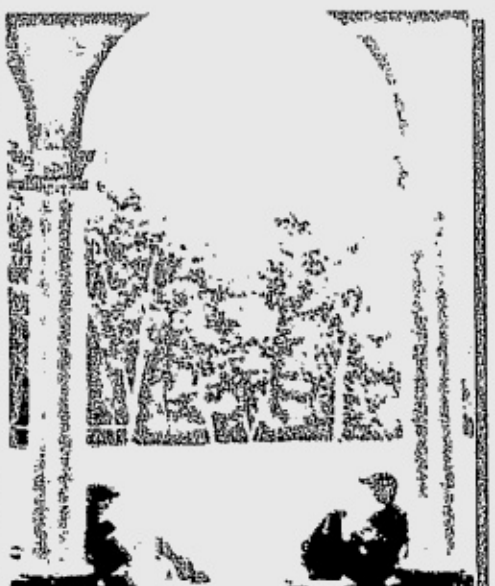


SYLLEN Alejada's "Midterms Exam" - Study groups and Jollibee are among a few reasons why studying for a midterm exam can be enjoyable thing to do. The value of diligence, the companionship of classmates and the at-home feeling of taking a Jollibee meal make up for the hardships of student life.

I stopped from my reverie. Imagine such emotions and thoughts elicited from me by just viewing that "Say Bee!" Photo Exhibit. Their images brought back memories that many of us can relate to. These photos reminded me of the good times I had despite the adversities I went through as I struggled to earn my degree and even now that I work my way the ladder of success.

Had I only took photos of those simple yet, fun memories I had when I was still in school; I would probably fill the while mall with my very own gallery. Hmmm... that's an interesting thought!

Moreover, it even inspired me to take my interest on photography more seriously. Just by hanging out at a fast-food store like Jollibee, I could capture so many images - fun images - that would surely strike a chord to people from all walks of life, most especially to teenagers and young professionals, like me.



JOAQUIN Ruste's "A Day at the Park" - It's a cool afternoon as soon as you gaze at the wonderful scenery and share a Jollibee delight with a friend. In fun times and relaxing moments, Jollibee is always there to share it with you.

ELISSA Jane Dandal's "Roses and Swirly Bitz with Love" - Courtship is a romantic part of life. And Even at this stage, Jollibee can bring the sweet romance you've been looking for as you enjoy your teenage years.

ALNOE Paler's "Gleeful Bee!" - "Bee Happy!" Jollibee is also haven to the hearing impaired. It has been an advocate for children, for the less fortunate and for people with disability.

So, when I learned that Jesse Narrazo, the second placer in the Professional-Unpublished category, is my kababayan from the City of Smiles, I immediately approached him and talked to him about photography. In the process of my mini-interview with him, I learned from him that when he found out he won the contest he immediately texted all his friends and told them of this wonderful news. He glowed as he talked about his friends who were all so proud of him. I'm sure they most likely celebrated Jesse's victory in Jollibee. He was grateful to God, his family, his friends and Jollibee for making this glorious moment a dream that has become a reality.

"I spent a lot of time eating with Jollibee and they have given me so much. Jollibee really has a way of making me feel special, from the friendly service and good food that greets me in every store visit to this honor they have given me in recognizing my talent in photography," he said.

His statement gave me a start. Then, I realized that like real friends who stick with us in hard times and good times, Jollibee has been a significant part of my college life. True to its slogan "buhay Jollibee, lalong sumasarap," it has offered a life that keeps getting better for a young person like me and for many others who long to achieve their dreams. They make every waking moment a spectacular event. Now, I can look back to my university life thinking of happy events with friends: eating fishballs, watching movies, and hanging out at Jollibee. The "Say Bee!" photo entries say it all as they preserve barkada moments though the lens.

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